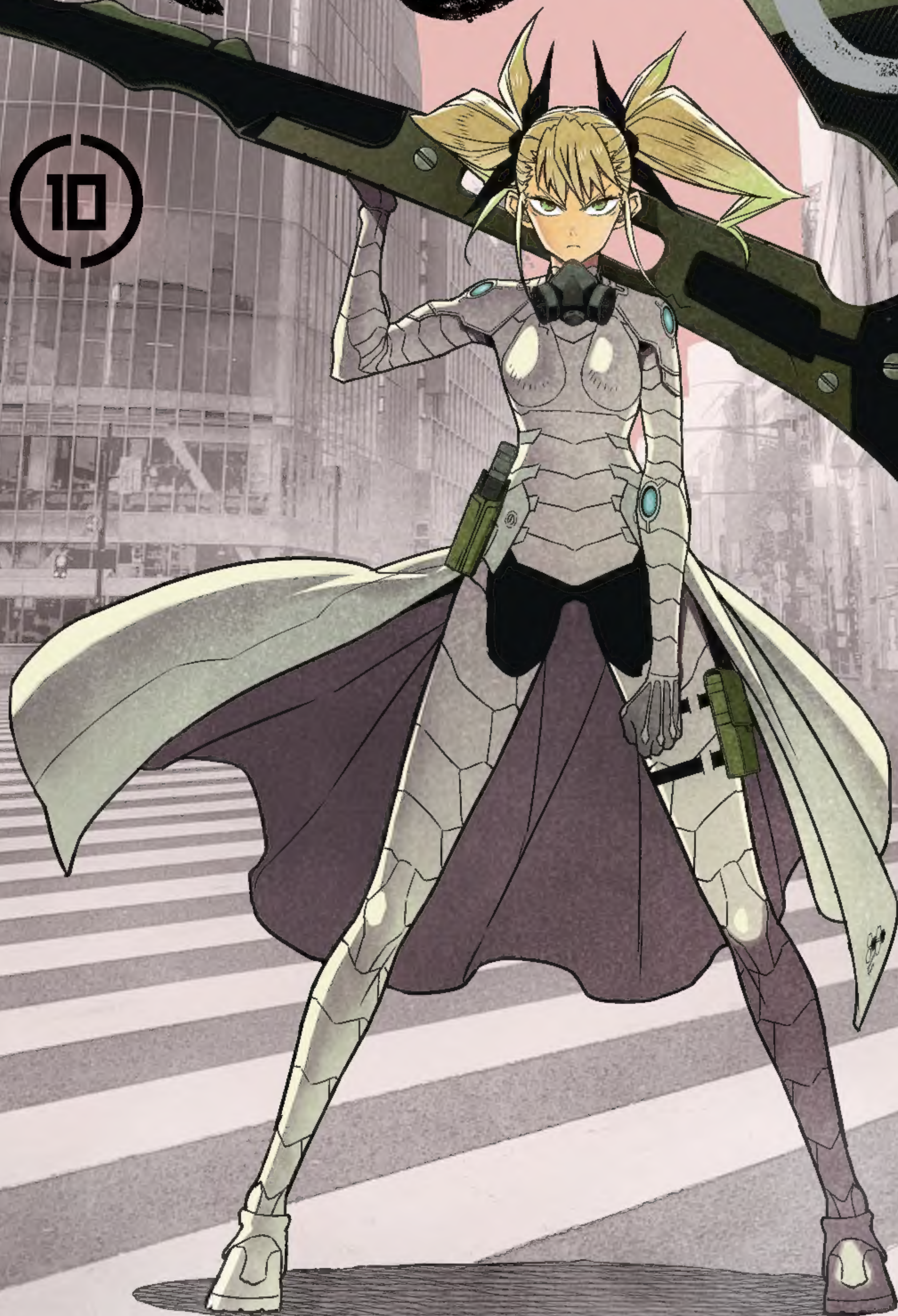


KAIJU

NO.

10



STORY AND ART BY

NADYA MATSUMOTO



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STORY AND ART BY
NAOYA MATSUMOTO



KAUU8

NO.

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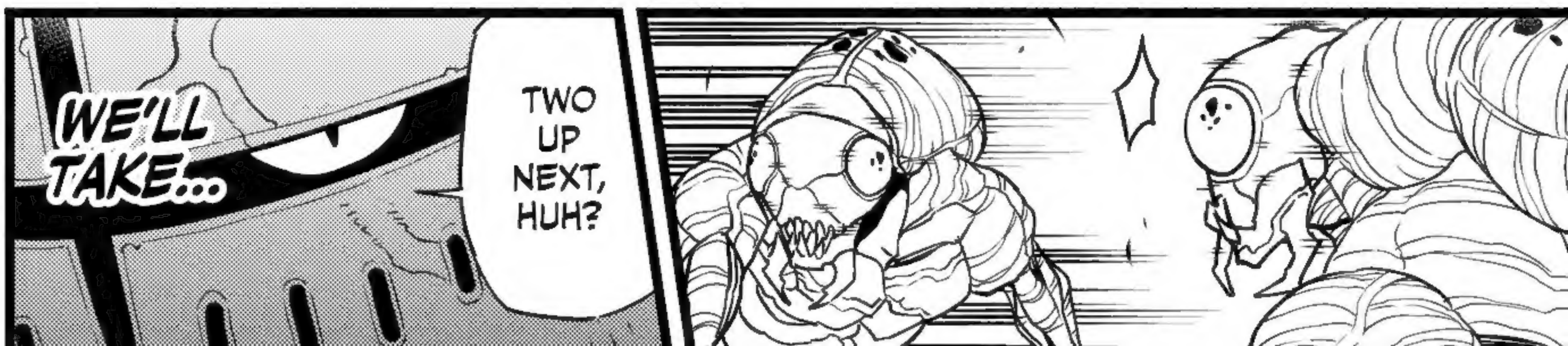
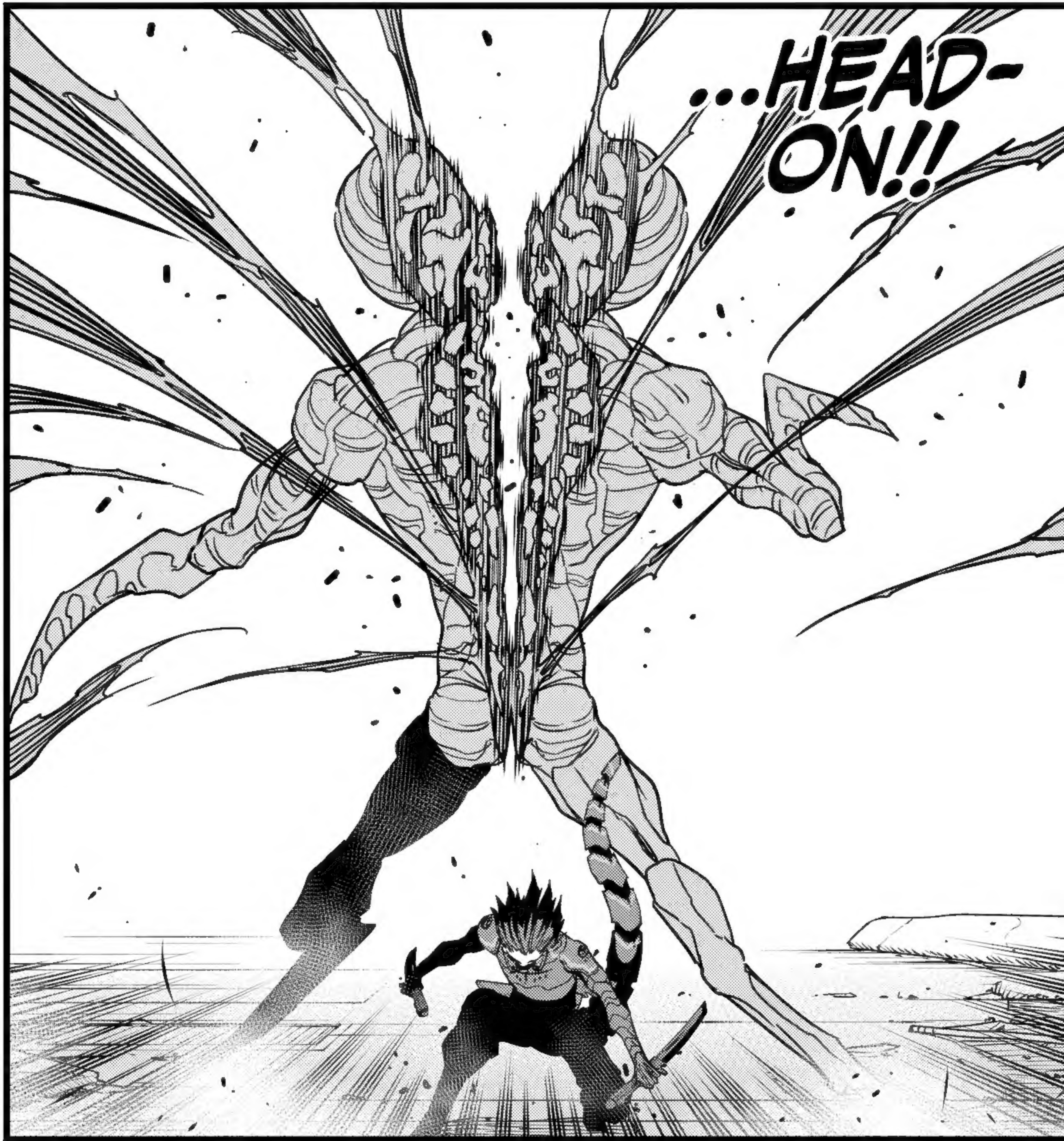
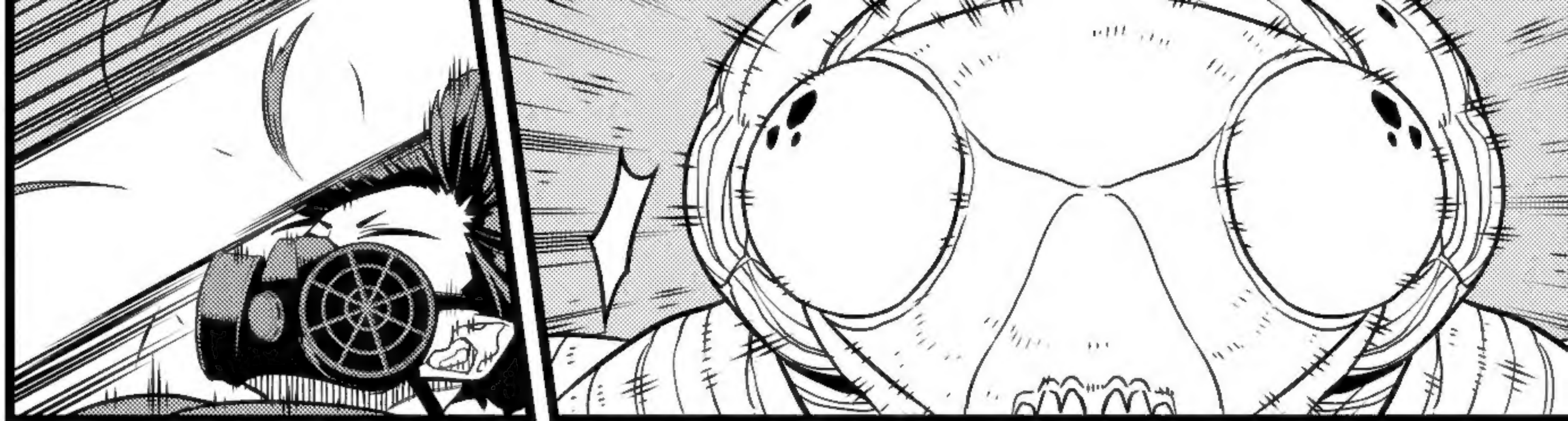


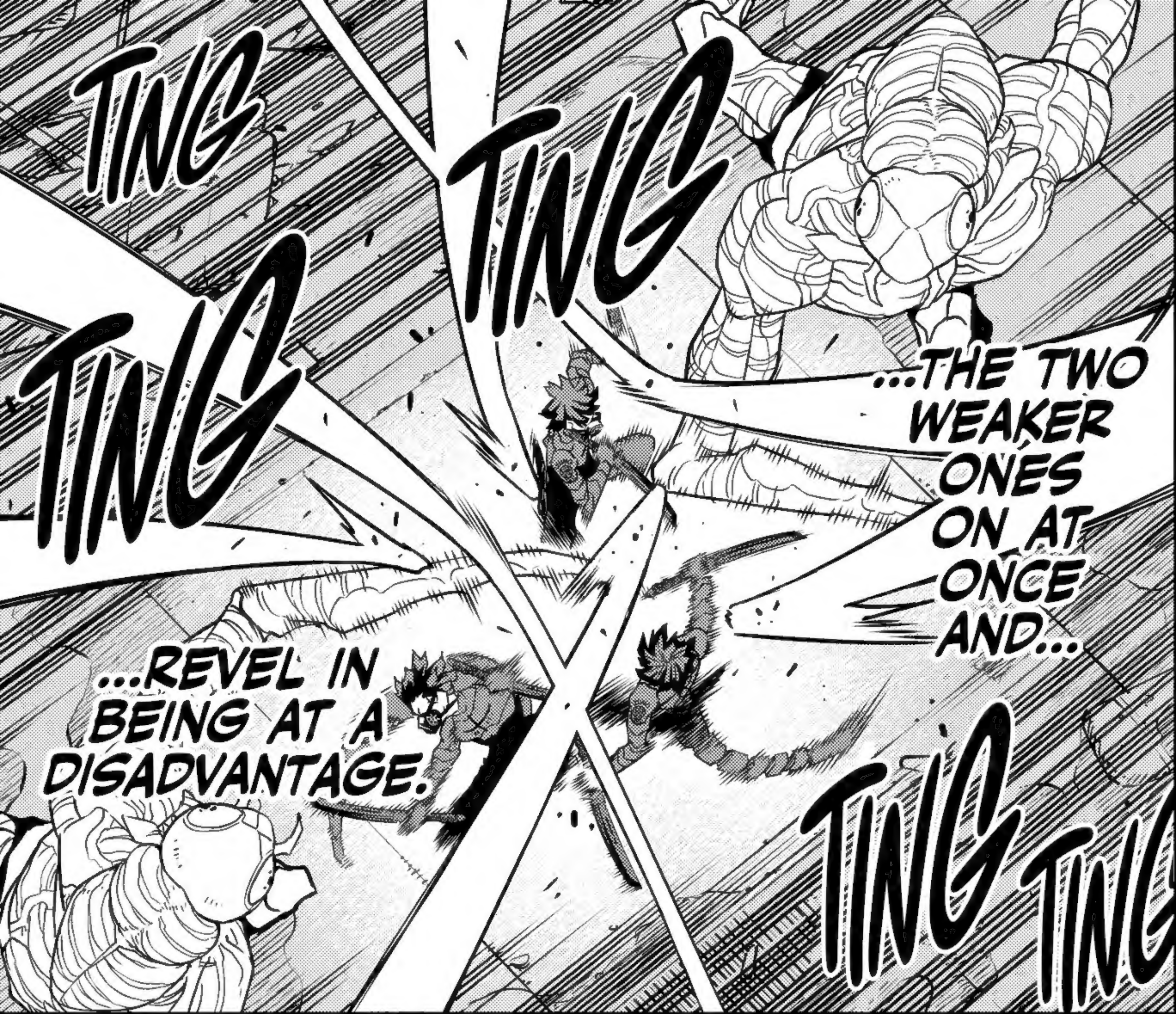
IT'S REACHED
56 PERCENT!!
THAT'S THE
HIGHEST
RECORDED VALUE
FOR NUMBERS
WEAPON 10 YET!!

UNLEASHED
COMBAT
POWER
RISING!!



FIRST, WE
ATTACK...





...THE TWO
WEAKER
ONES
ON AT
ONCE
AND...

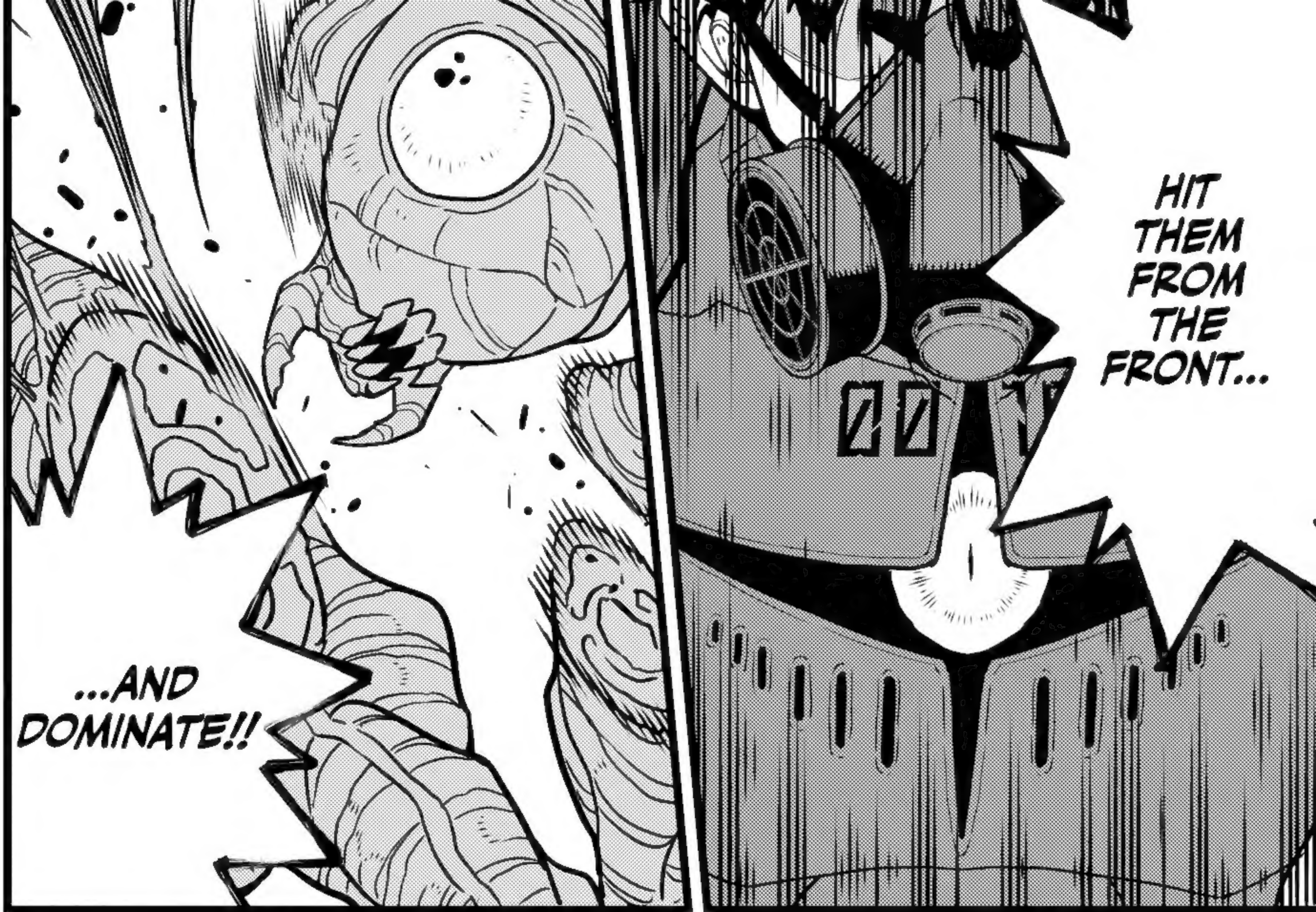
...REVEL IN
BEING AT A
DISADVANTAGE.



WELL,
WHAT
DID I
TELL
YOU,
HOSHI-
NA?!

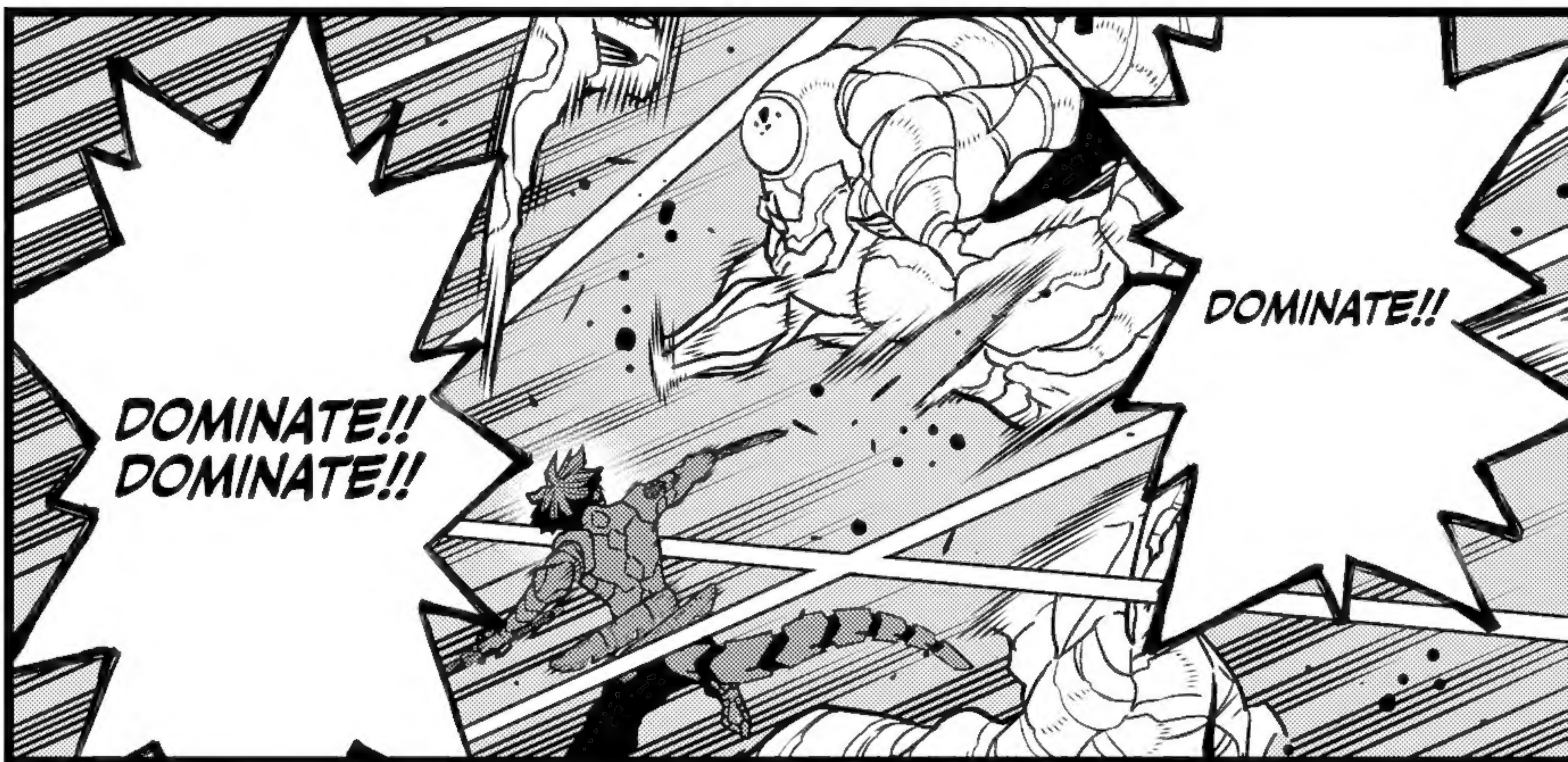
...WE
CAN
STILL
COME
OUT
ON
TOP!!

EVEN WITH
THE ODDS
AGAINST
US...



**...AND
DOMINATE!!**

**HIT
THEM
FROM
THE
FRONT...**

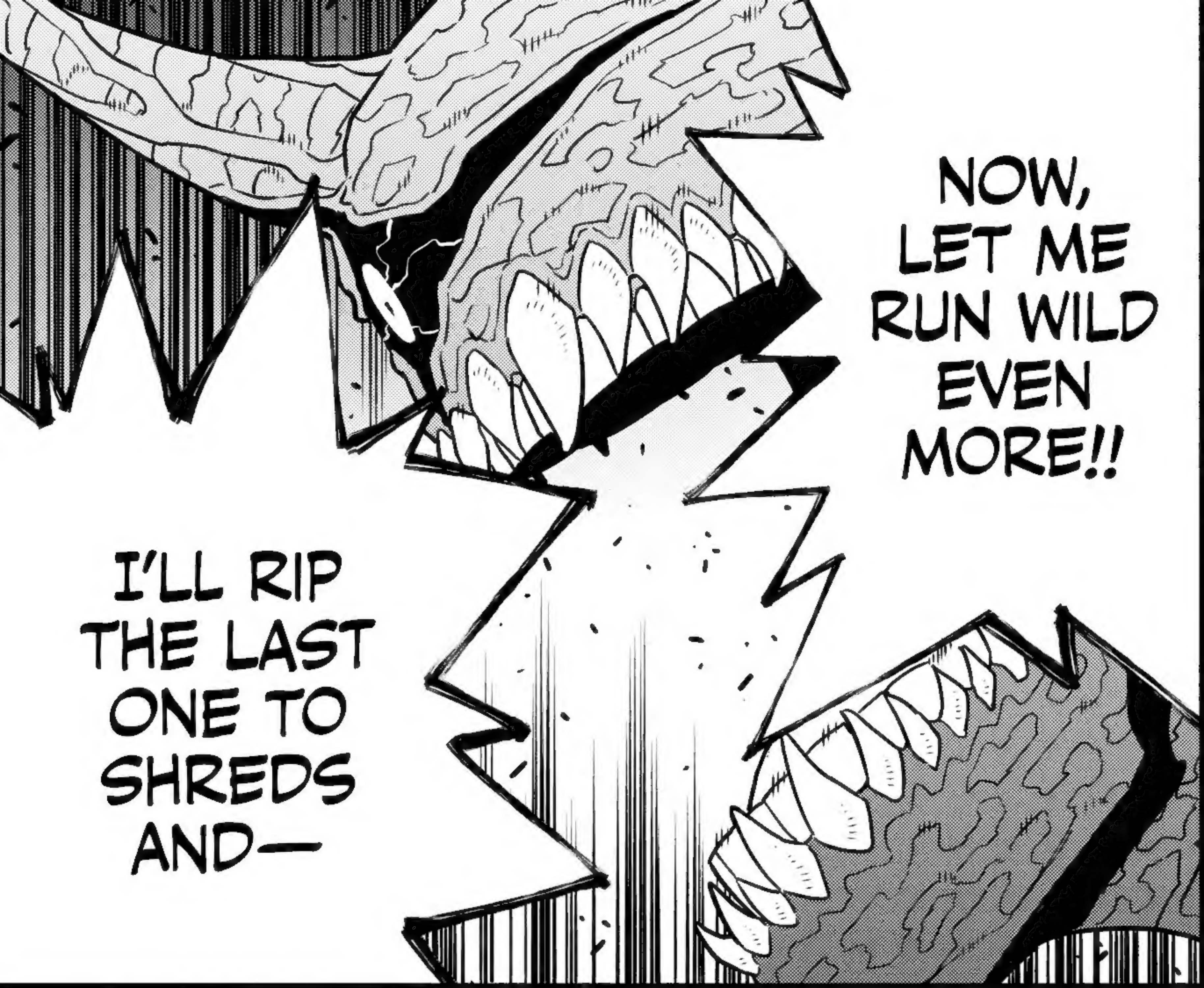


**DOMINATE!!
DOMINATE!!**

DOMINATE!!



**YES,
THIS IS
HOW A
FIGHT
SHOULD
BE!!**



NOW,
LET ME
RUN WILD
EVEN
MORE!!

I'LL RIP
THE LAST
ONE TO
SHREDS
AND—



WHA?

YOU'RE
TOO LATE,
NO. 10.



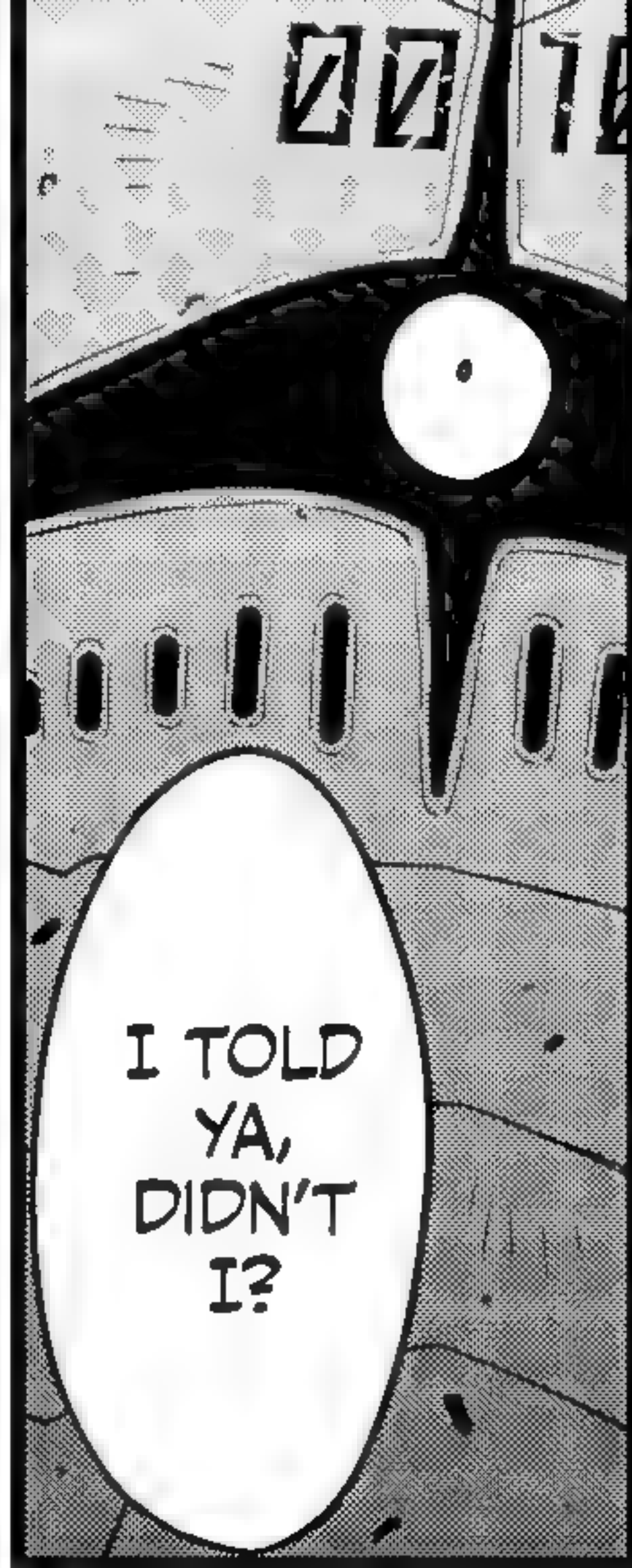
CHING



THE
DEED'S
ALREADY
BEEN
DONE.



FOLLOW ME,
EVEN IF IT
KILLS YA.



I TOLD
YA,
DIDN'T
I?

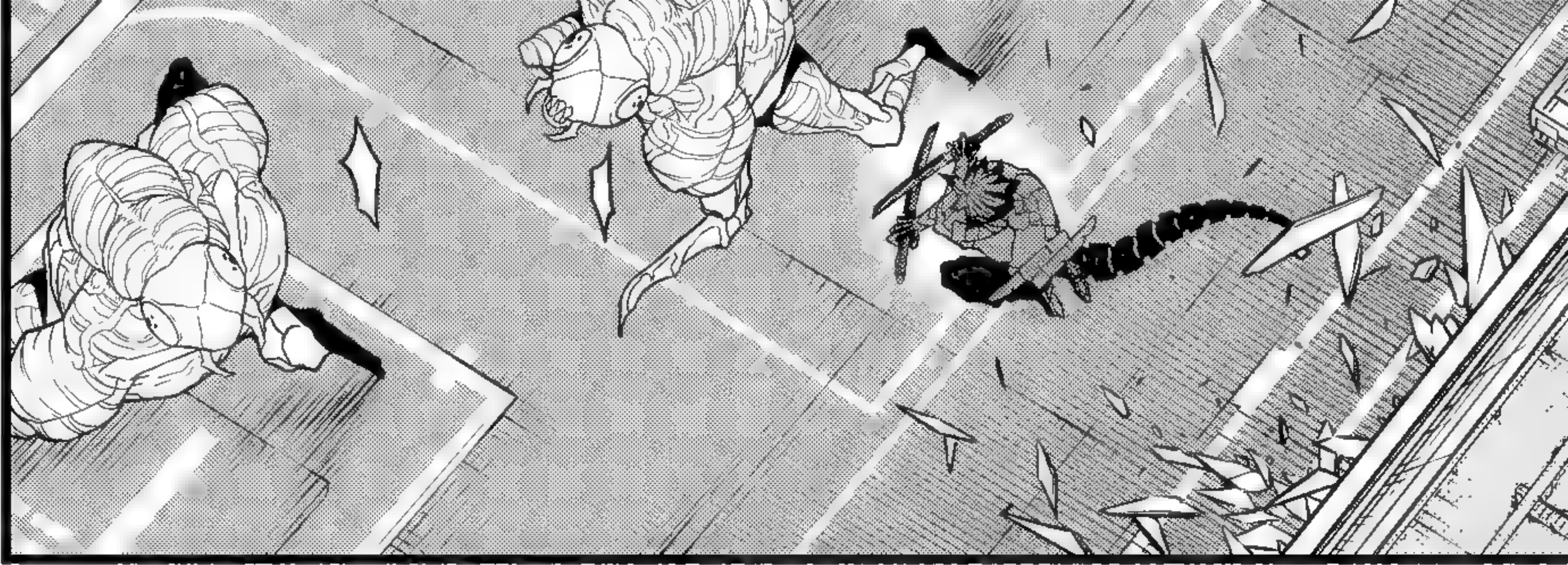


THAT'S
SUPPOSED TO
BE MY LI—

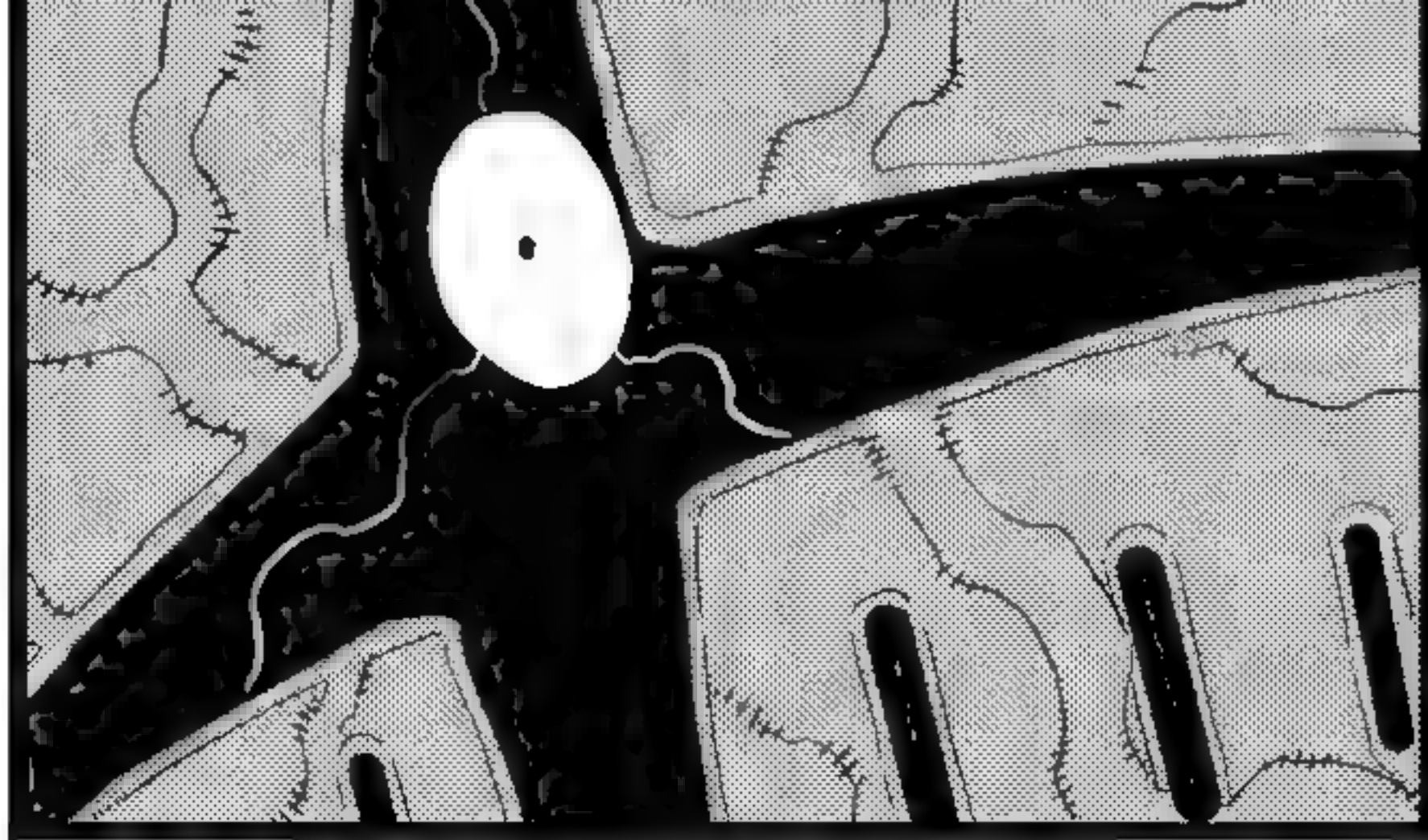
SAY
WHAT?

NEXT,
WE CLEAN
UP THE
RUNWAY.



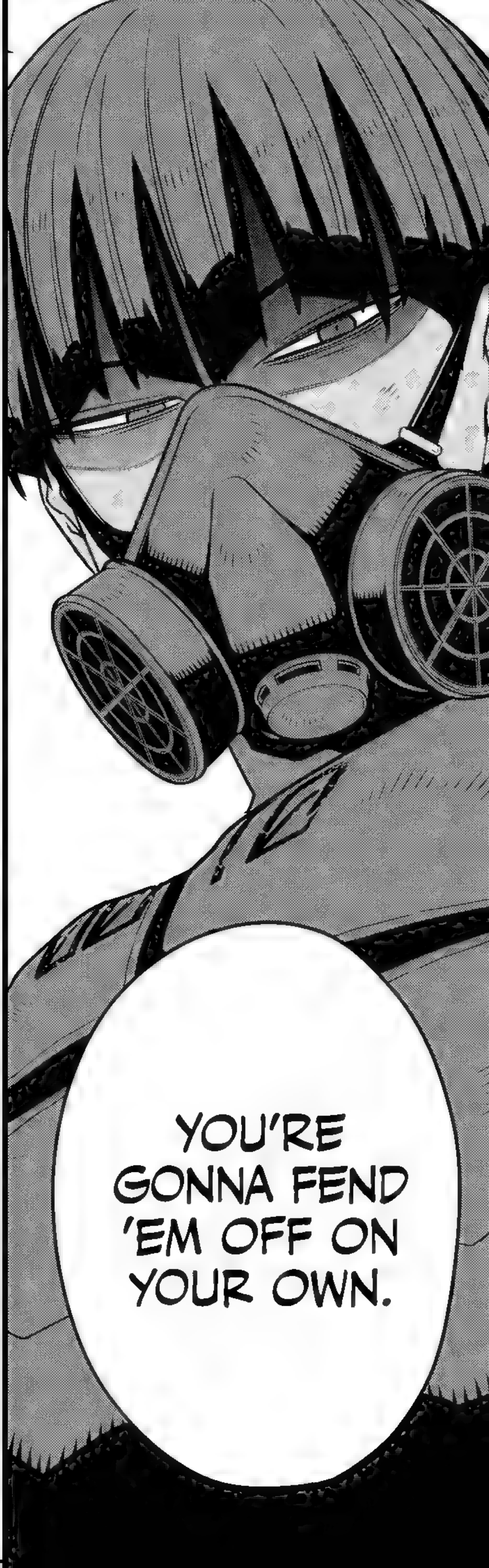




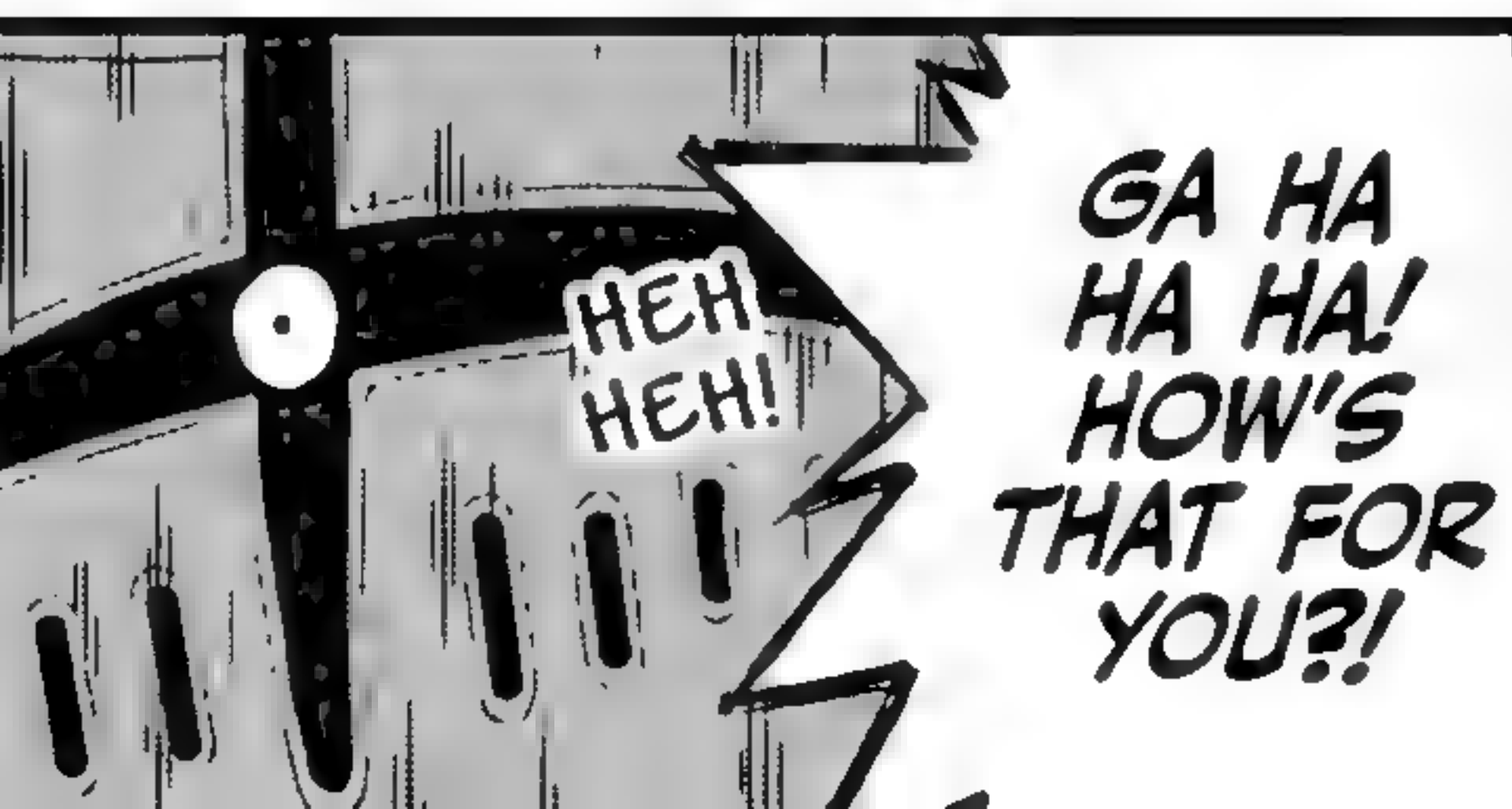


**YOU'RE
ON!!**

**VICE-
CAP—**



**YOU'RE
GONNA FEND
'EM OFF ON
YOUR OWN.**





IF YOU
MAKE
IT MAD,
THEN
YOU'LL
LOSE
THE
SYNC—



**DON'T
TAUNT
IT!!**



HOW?!



**UNLEASHED
COMBAT
POWER...
RISING?!**

**IT'S
REACHED
70 PER-
CENT!!**



**...IS
BECAUSE
YOU'RE NOT
DRAWING
OUT MY
POWER
TO THE
FULLEST!!**

**DON'T
TRIFLE
WITH ME!
THE
REASON
THERE'RE
SHARDS...**

TICK



**SAY
WHAT?!
LET'S GO
AFTER
THE
NEXT
BATCH!
I'LL
SHOW
YOU THIS
TIME,
FOR
SURE!!**



**TALK
ABOUT
BEING
A LET-
DOWN.**

**SCUSE
ME?**

**I'M AT
OVER 60
PERCENT
OUTPUT,
AND YOU
STILL CAN'T
TOTALLY
SHUT OUT
THESE
WIMPS'
ATTACKS?**

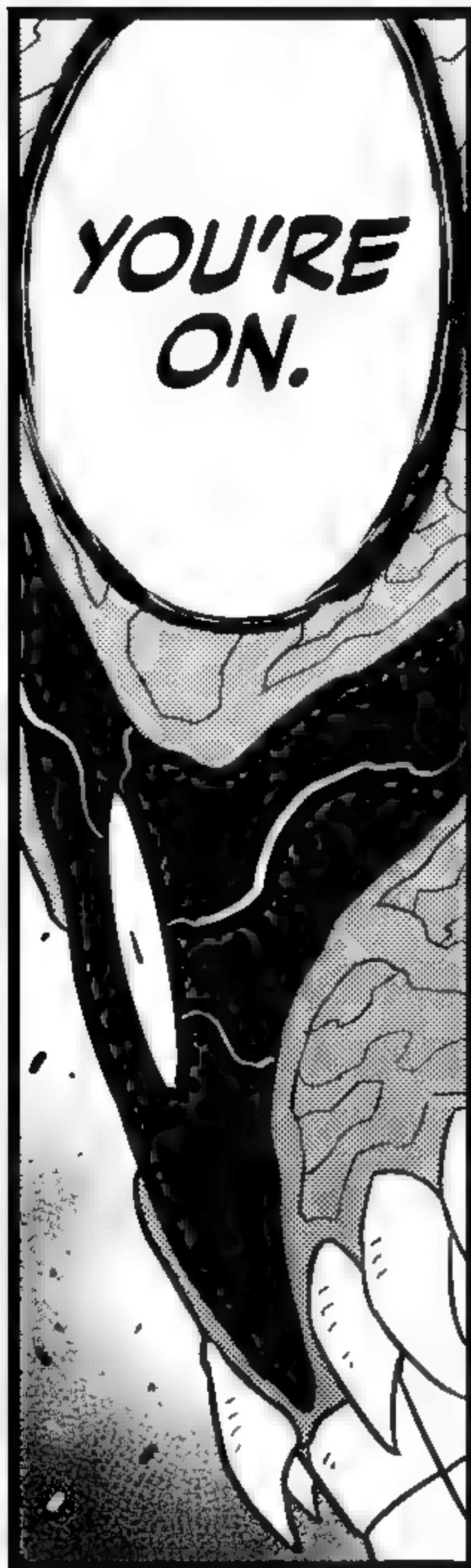


**NONE
OF THIS
MAKES
SENSE
ANYMORE!!**

**THEY'RE
BICKERING,
BUT THE
PERCENTAGE
KEEPS GOING
UP!!**



THE DARK
ONE IN
THE BACK
IS THEIR
BOSS.

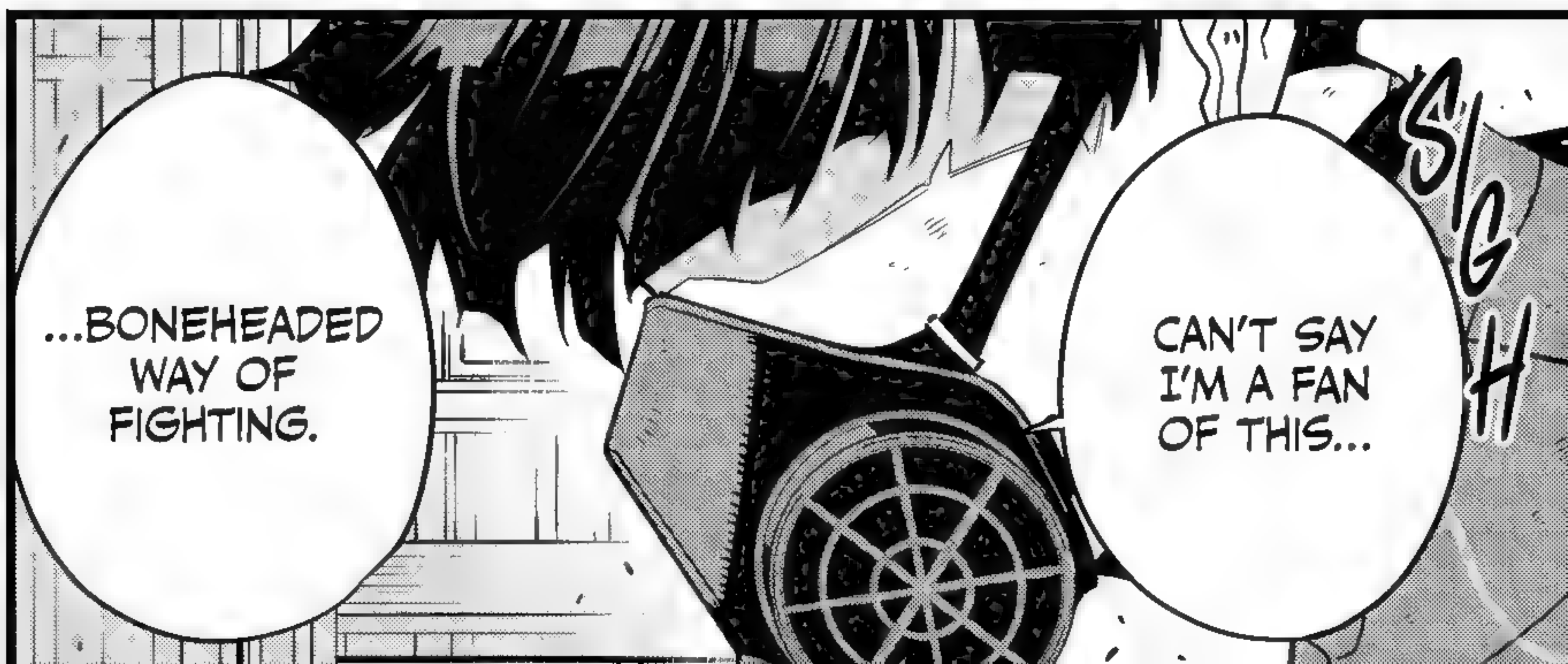


***YOU'RE
ON.***



WE'LL CUT
STRAIGHT
THROUGH.

SHOW ME
YOU CAN
FEND OFF
ALL THEIR
ATTACKS.



...BONEHEADED
WAY OF
FIGHTING.

CAN'T SAY
I'M A FAN
OF THIS...

S/G/H



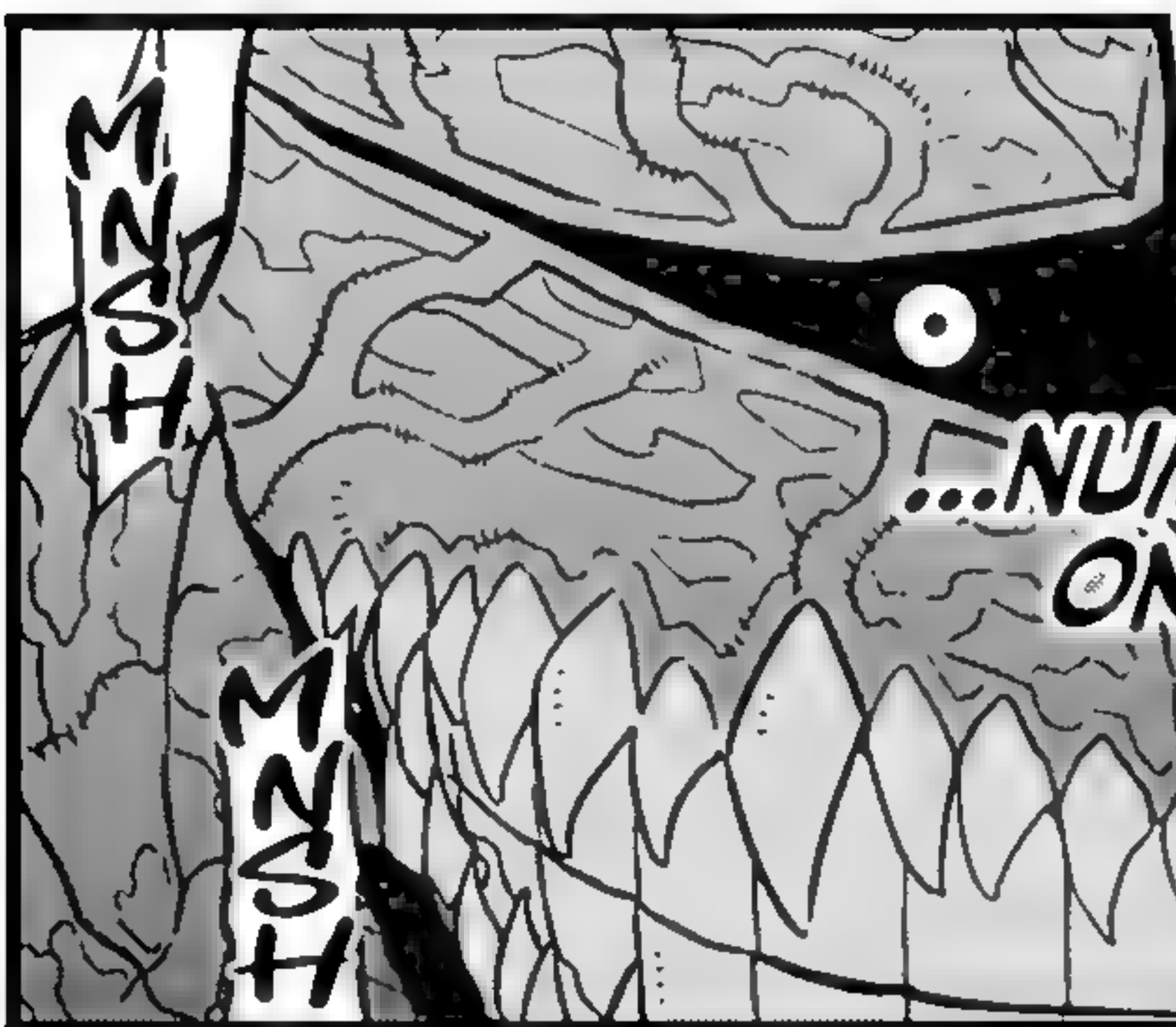
IT JUST
AIN'T MY
STYLE.



SPARE
ME.



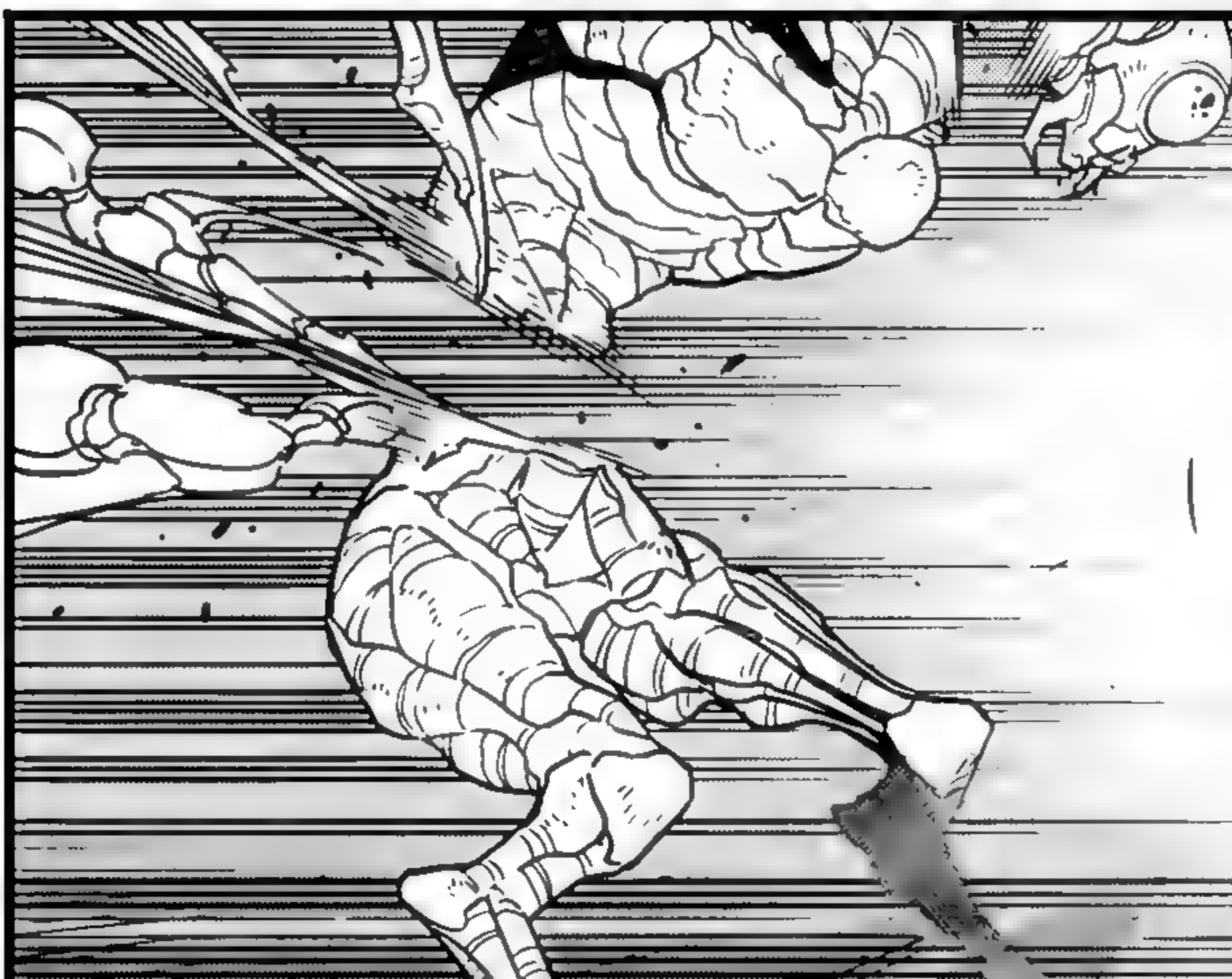
UNLEASHED
COMBAT
POWER
LEVEL
UPDATE!!
NOW AT 77
PERCENT!!



...NUMBER
ONE!



HOSHINA-
STYLE
SWORD-
SLAY
TECHNIQUE...

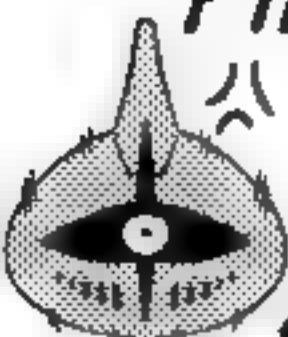


AIR
SLICER!!





YOU CAN
SAVE
YOUR
HEADS-
UP!
I CAN
SEE
THEM
JUST
FINE!!



KHATING



BEHIND
US.

THEY'RE
COMIN'.

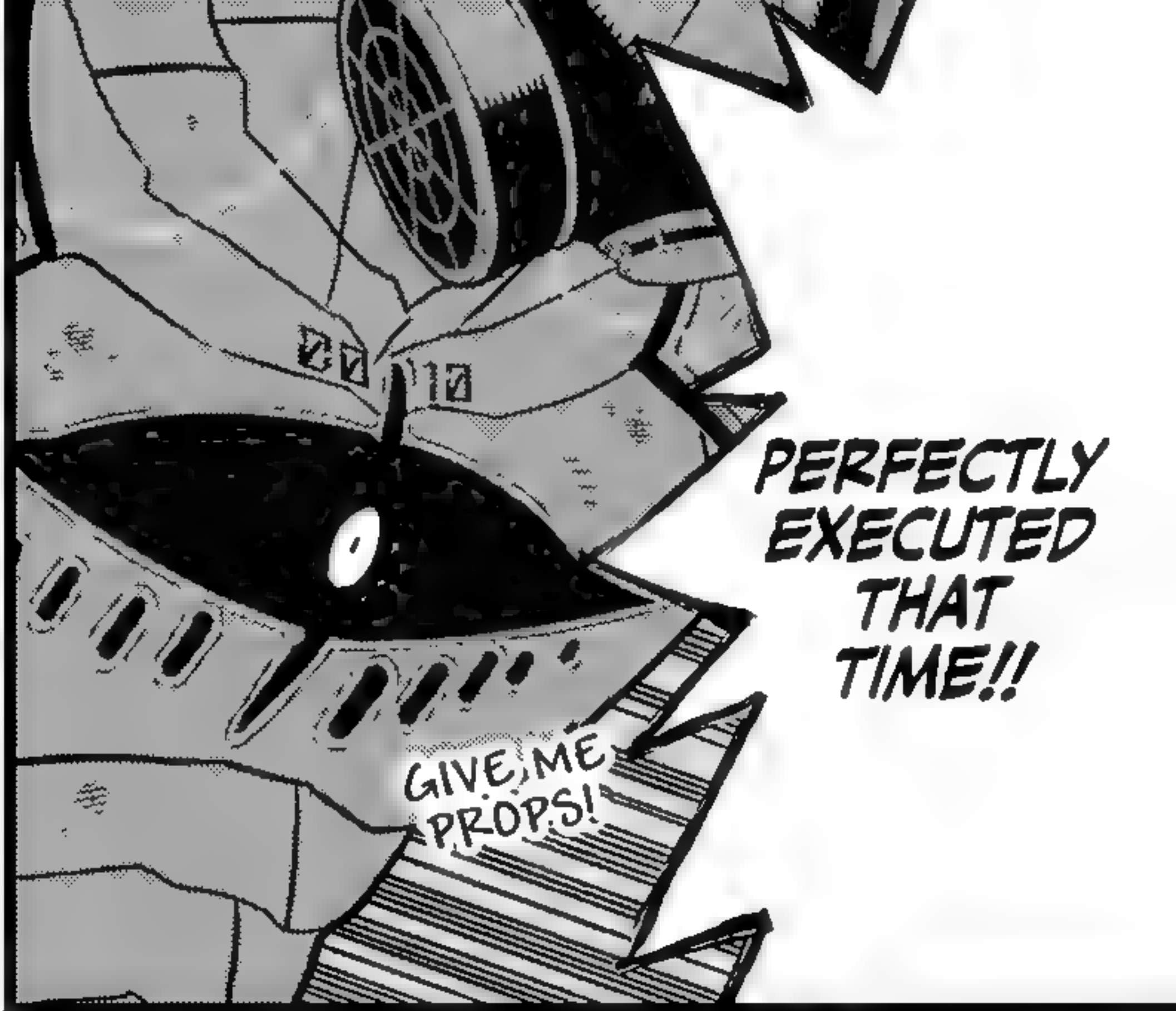


**NUMBER
THREE—
RETURN
SLASHER!!**



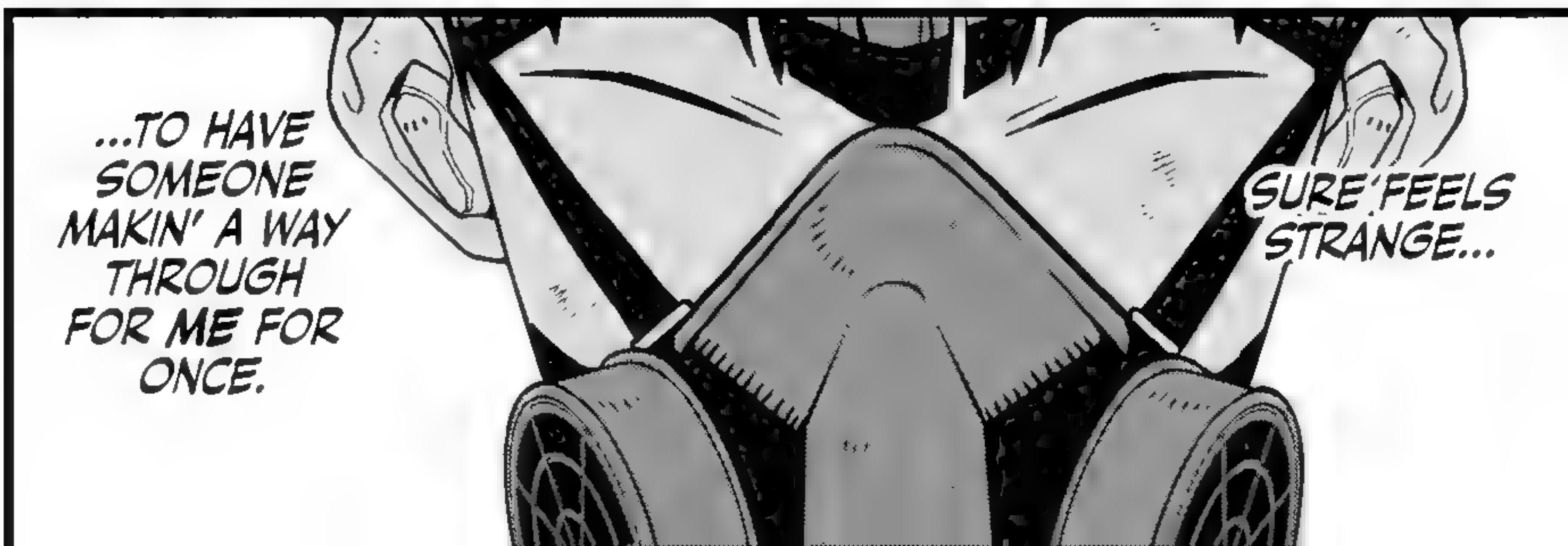
I TOLD YOU
NOT TO
LET ANY
OF THEIR
ATTACKS
THROUGH.

THAT WAS
JUST ONE
TIME.



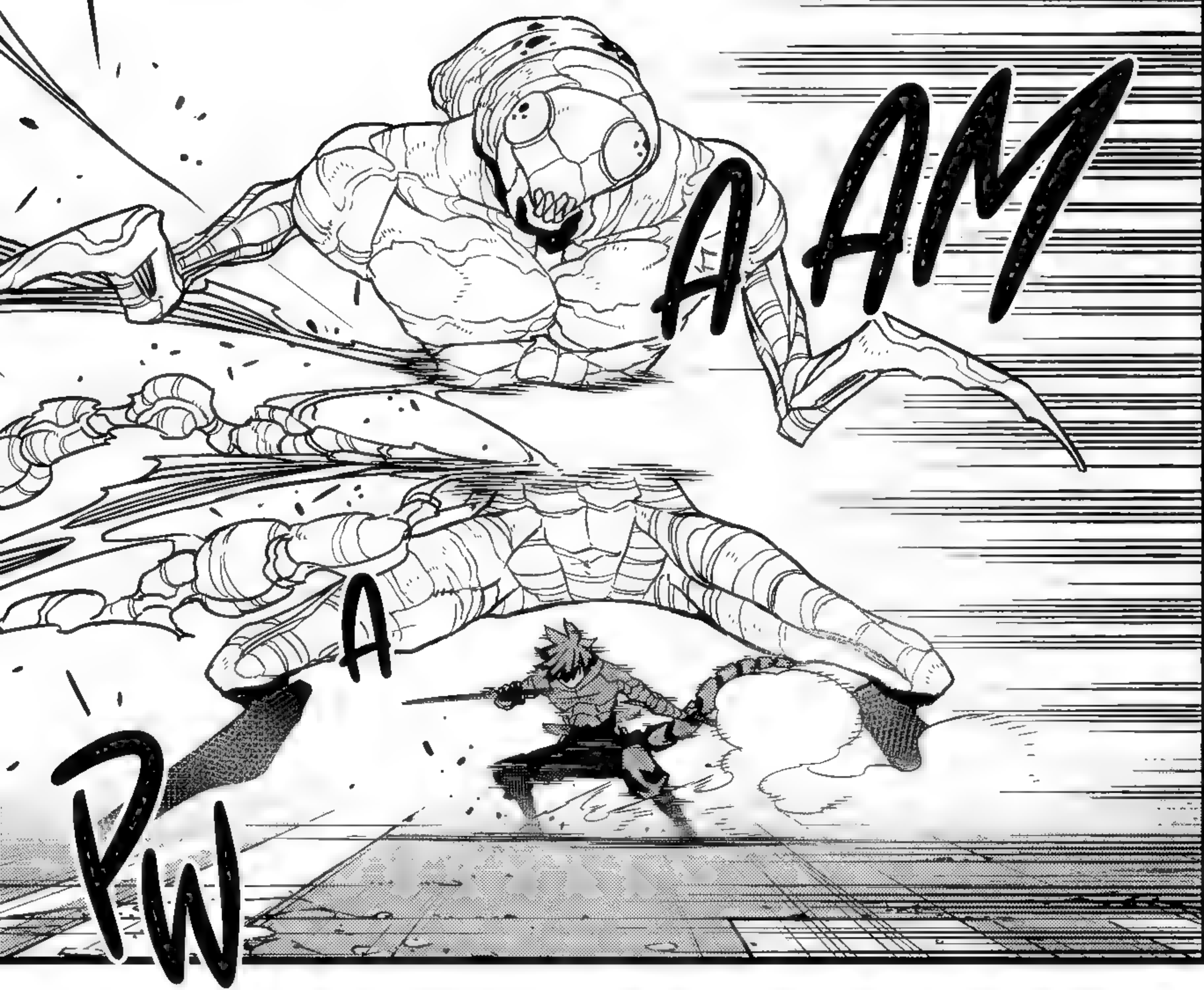
PERFECTLY
EXECUTED
THAT
TIME!!

GIVE ME
PROPS!



...TO HAVE
SOMEONE
MAKIN' A WAY
THROUGH
FOR ME FOR
ONCE.

SURE FEELS
STRANGE...





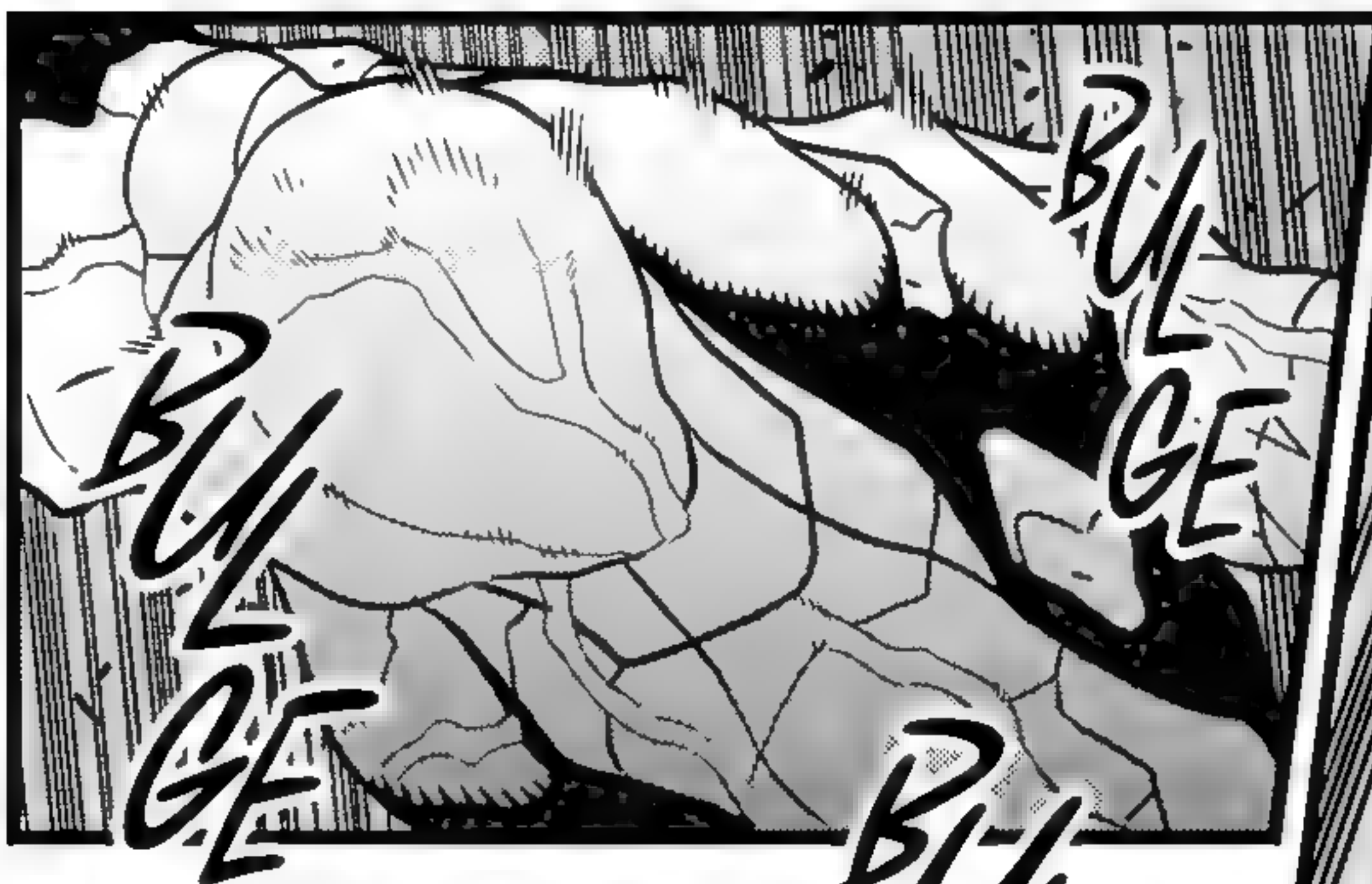
**NUMBER
SIX...**



**HE'S
USING
THAT!!**



SHUDDER



BULGE

BULGE

BULGE



GRK...

BULGE



BULGE

IT FEELS
LIKE MY
MUSCLES
ARE ABOUT
TO BURST...

BW
OH



BW
OH

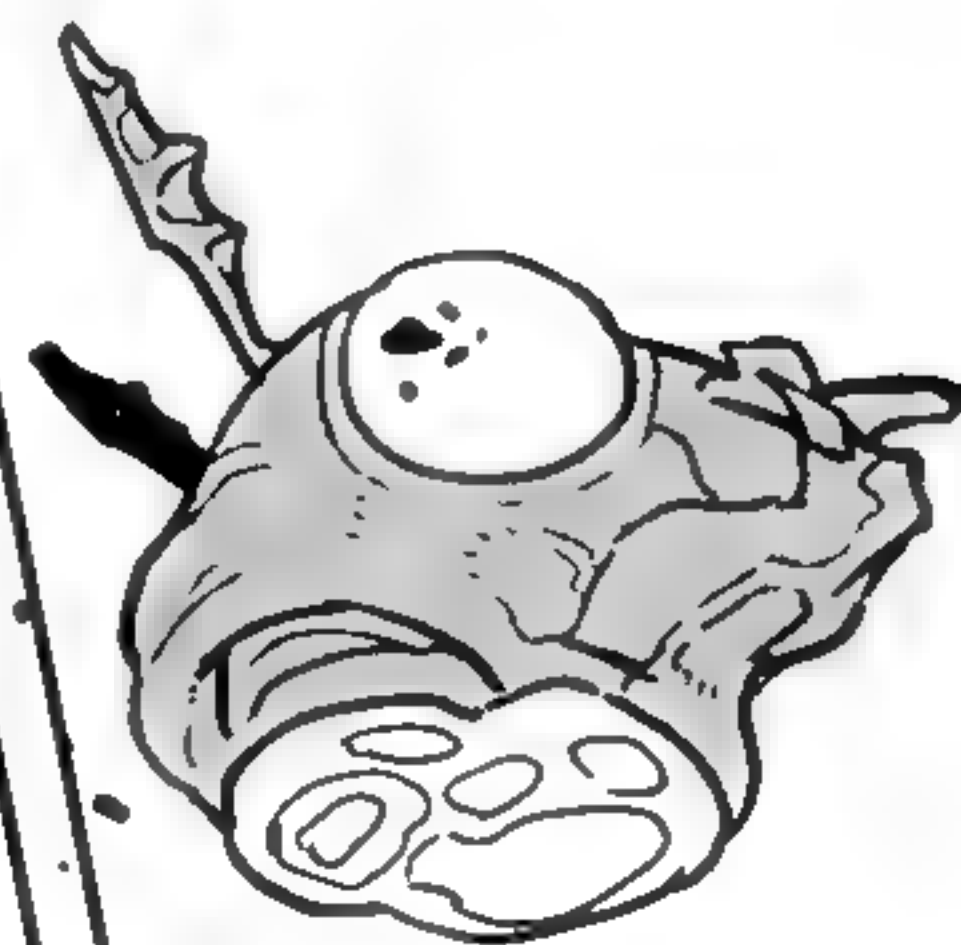
WHAT IS
THIS?

...SURGING
THROUGH
MY BODY!!

...FROM
ALL THE
POWER...

YEAH...

**EIGHTFOLD
SLASHER!!**



CHING

I KNEW
I WAS
RIGHT.

GRIN

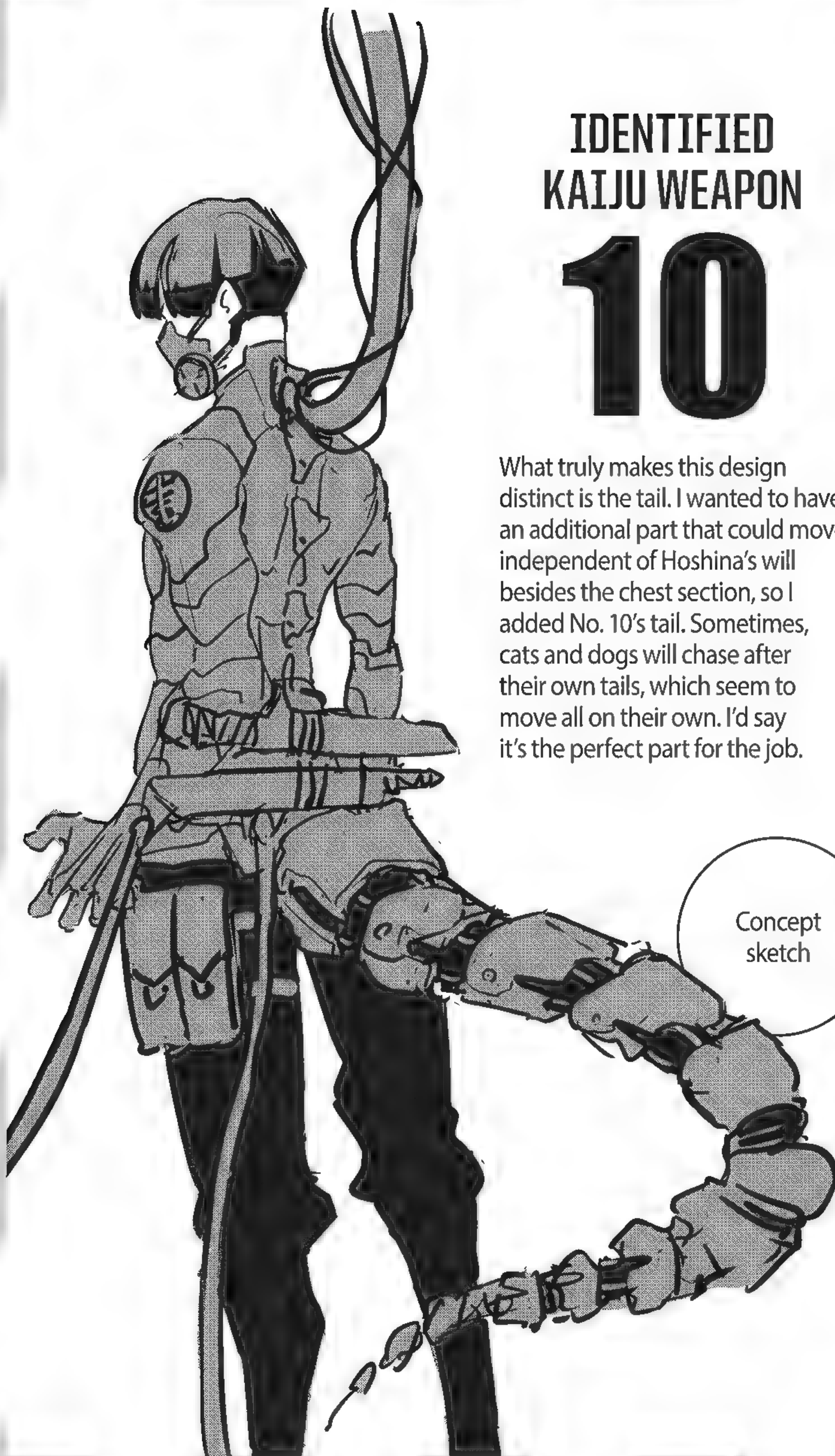
I LIKE
FIGHTING
WITH YOU.

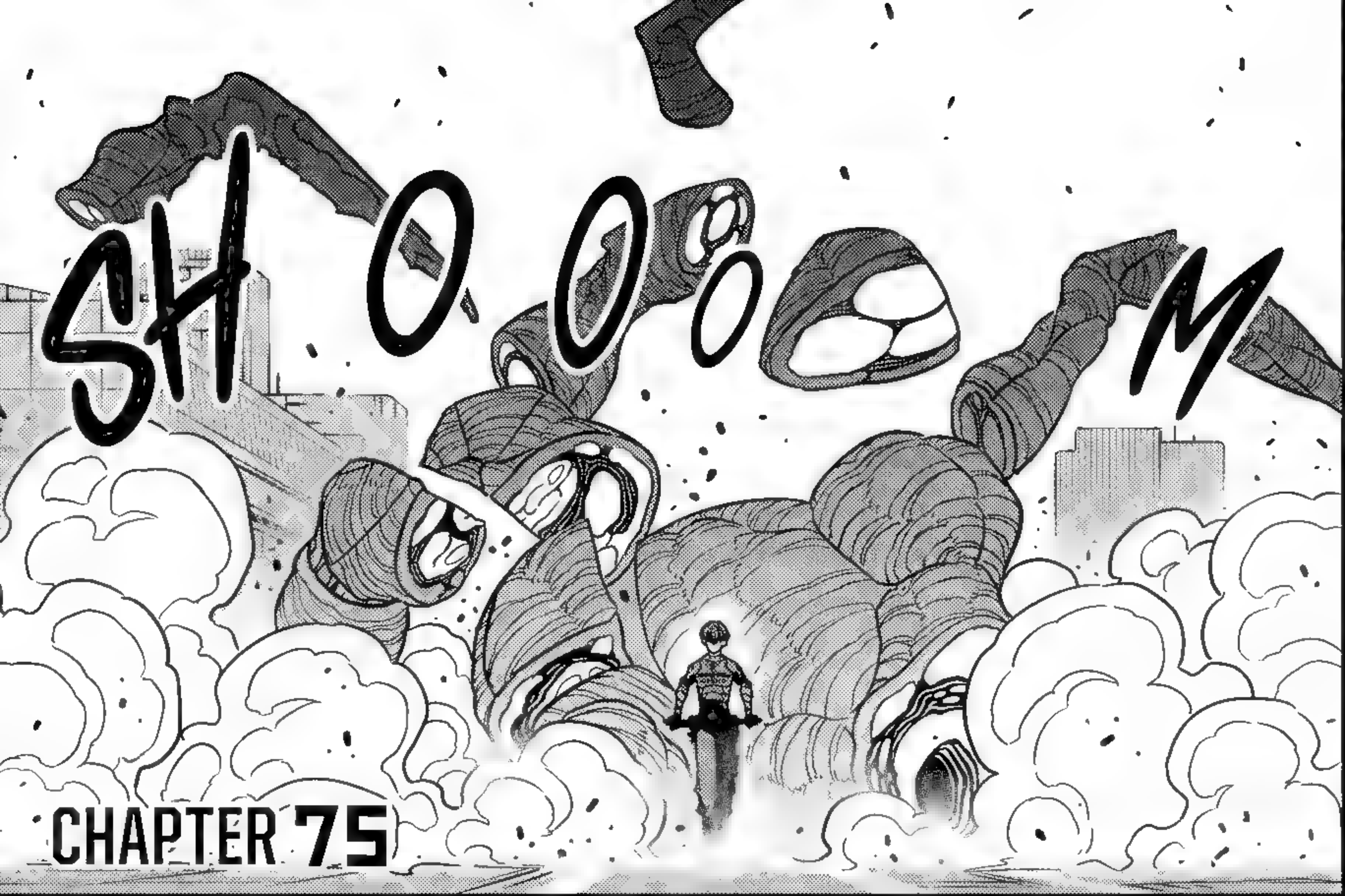
IDENTIFIED KAIJU WEAPON

10

What truly makes this design distinct is the tail. I wanted to have an additional part that could move independent of Hoshina's will besides the chest section, so I added No. 10's tail. Sometimes, cats and dogs will chase after their own tails, which seem to move all on their own. I'd say it's the perfect part for the job.

Concept
sketch





CHAPTER 75

ALL THAT'S
LEFT IS THE
TERMINAL!!



RUNWAY IS
SECURED!!



THE
VICE-
CAPTAIN'S
WORK,
HUH?

SCREW
THE KAIJU-
THAT MAN
IS...

KAIJU
READINGS
INSIDE
AIRPORT,
FADING!



NEAR CHOFU
AIRPORT
TERMINAL

PRAP

PRAP

PRAP



...THE *TRUE*
MONSTER.

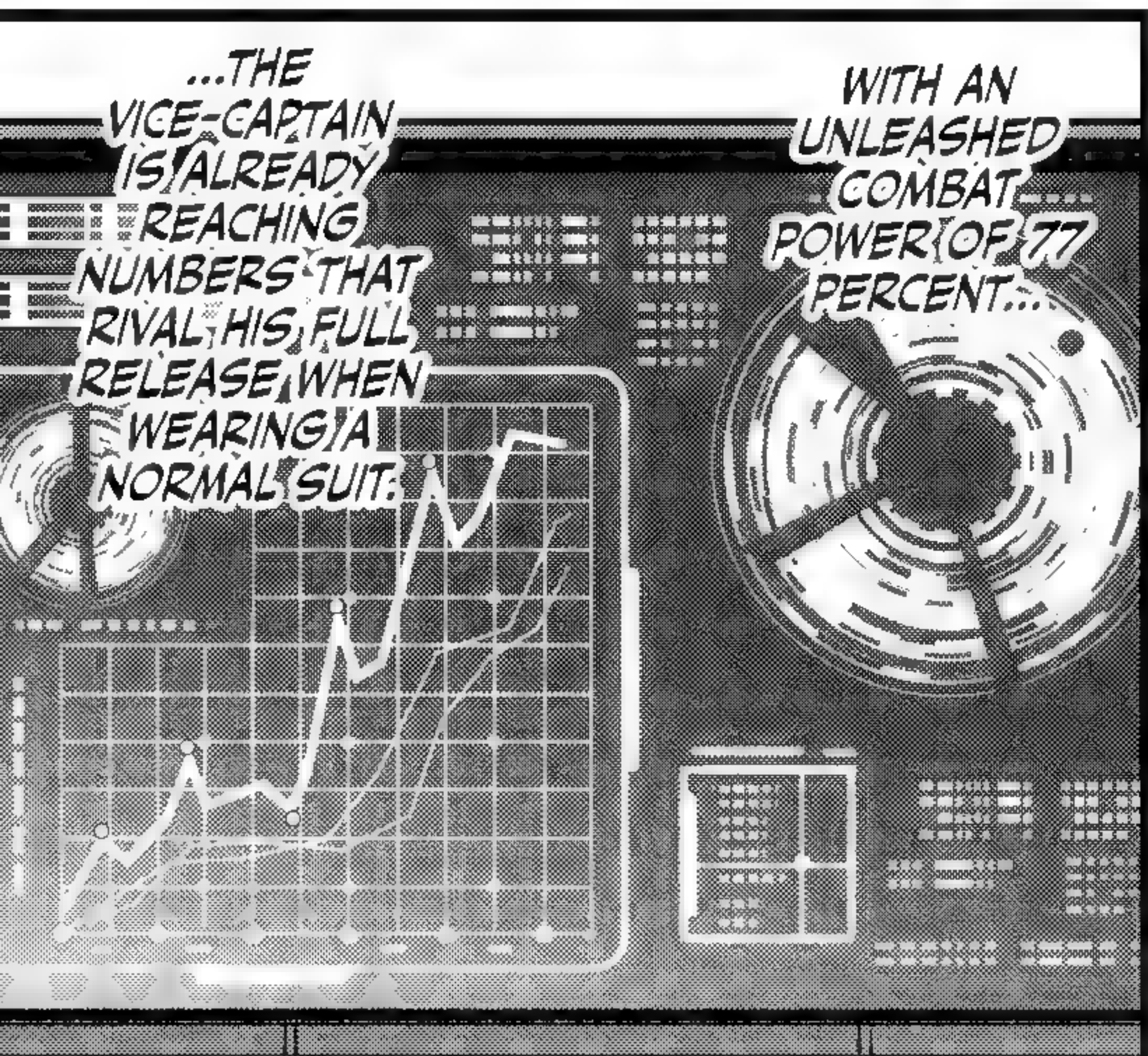


NOW,
LET'S HUNT
UP THE KAIJU
ON THE
OUTSIDE.



LET'S WIPE
OUT THE
OFFICERS,
HOSHINA!!

GA HA
HA HA
HA! THE
OFFICERS
OUGHTA
BE NEXT!!





...THE
POTENTIAL
BOOST TO
HIS ABILITIES
COULD BE
UNIMAGINABLE.



IF HE CAN
UNLEASH
OVER 90
PERCENT
OF HIS
COMBAT
POWER...



TCH, I CAN
PICTURE OL'
BOWL CUT'S
SMUG FACE
NOW.



SAY,
WHAT?
YOU'RE
STILL
NOT
DONE
OVER
THERE?



VICE-
CAPTAIN
HOSHINA
HAS CLEARED
THE CHOFU
AIRPORT!!

REPORT
FROM THE
THIRD
DIVISION!



WHICH
SQUADS
ARE IN
CHARGE?

THAT JUST
LEAVES THE
AREA AROUND
OIZUMI.

...AND
ANOTHER
LED BY
TACHIBANA'S
PLATOON, SIR.

A COMPANY
LED BY
SHINONOME'S
PLATOON...

AND
TO MAKE
MATTERS
WORSE...

BECAUSE THE
EVACUATION
OF CITIZENS
HAS BEEN
DELAYED DUE
TO TRAFFIC
CONGESTION...

...WE'VE HAD
TO ASSIGN
PERSONNEL
TO ESCORT
OUT EVACUEES,
THUS LIMITING
THE NUMBER OF
AREAS CLEARED
FOR COMBAT.



TCH, THERE'S
TOO MANY
OF THEM.
WE'D HAVE
ENOUGH
TROUBLE
TAKING DOWN
JUST *ONE*
OF THOSE
THINGS.

INDEED,
WE'VE NEVER
ENCOUNTERED
SIX KAIJU OF
THAT SIZE IN
THE SAME AREA
BEFORE. THIS
IS UNHEARD-OF!



PLATOON
LEADER
SHINONOME!
PLEASE PUT
ME ON THE
FRONT LINE!



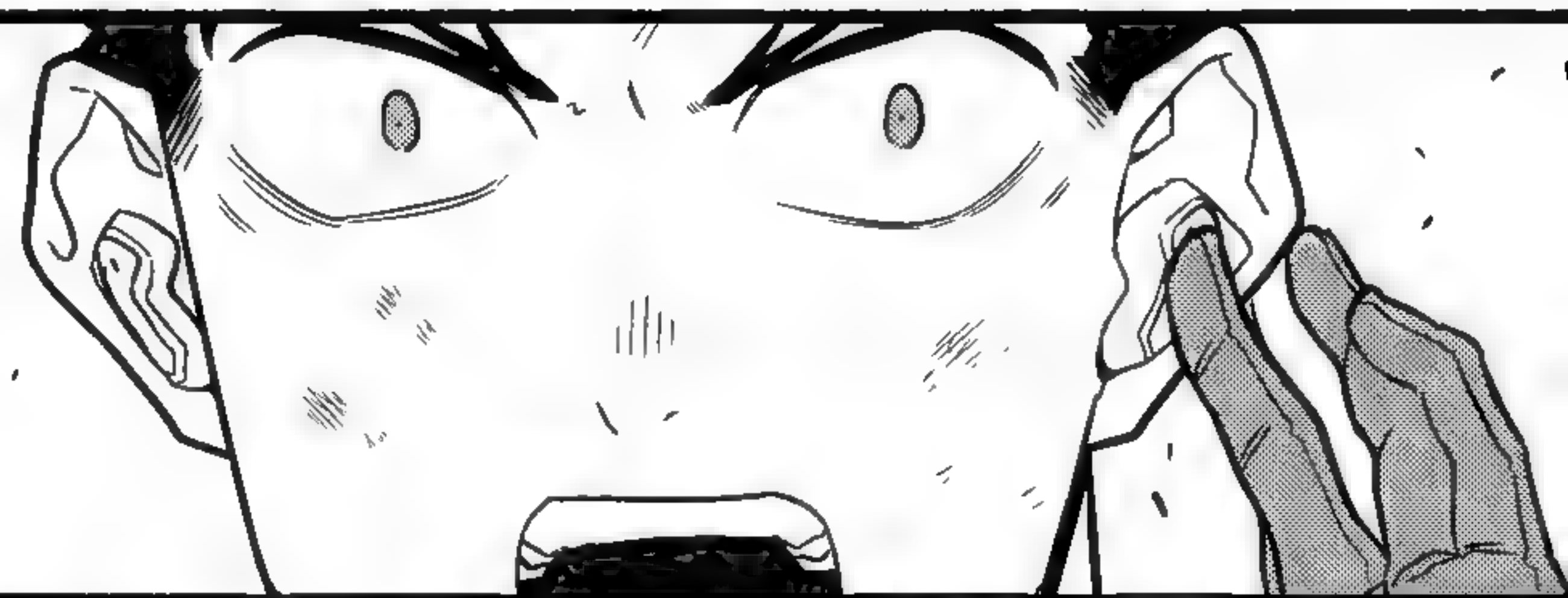
THE
EMERGENCE OF
SIX SUPERGIANT-
CLASS KAIJU...

...HAS
MADE COMBAT
CONDITIONS
EVEN MORE
UNFAVORABLE.



I'VE
NEVER
FOUGHT
KAIJU
THAT BIG
BEFORE...

...BUT I'LL
MAKE IT
WORK!



WE NEED
YOU AT THE
READY WHEN
IT COMES TIME
TO ENGAGE
NO. 9. IT'D
BE FOOLISH
TO PLAY OUR
TRUMP CARD
NOW.



I CAN'T
AUTHORIZE
THAT.
CONTINUE
REAR GUARD
DUTIES.



IF YOU
TRANSFORM,
THEN WE RUN
THE RISK OF IT
LEARNING YOUR
LOCATION.

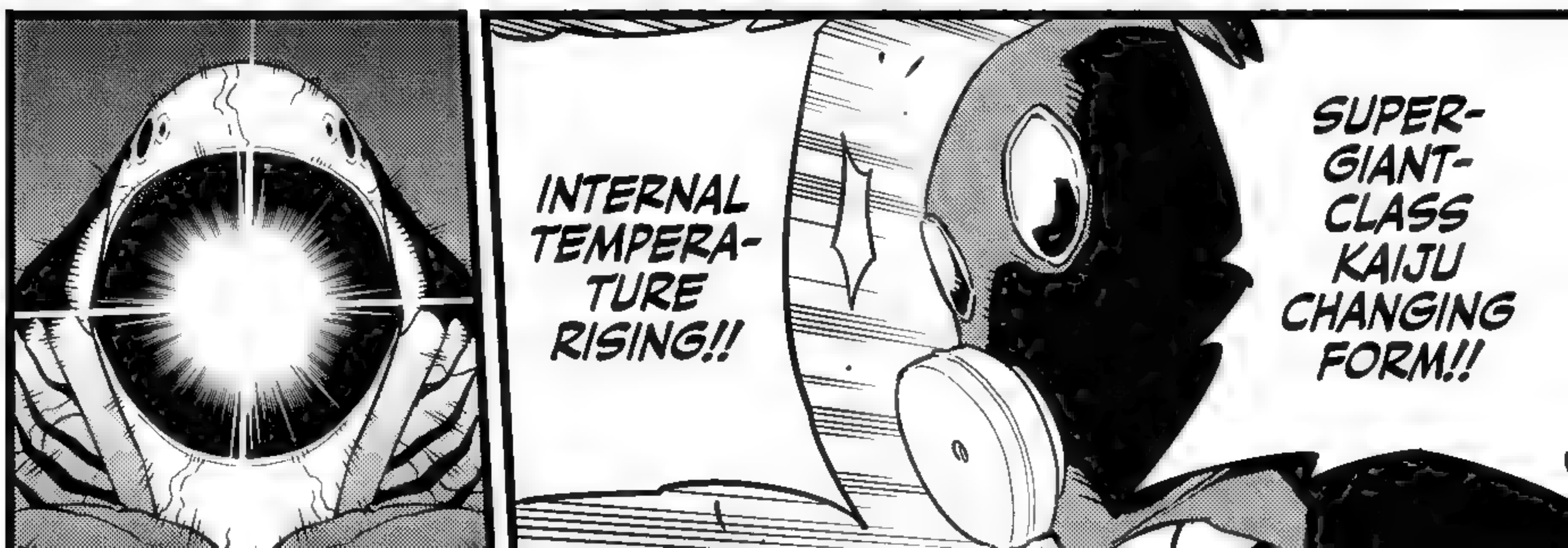
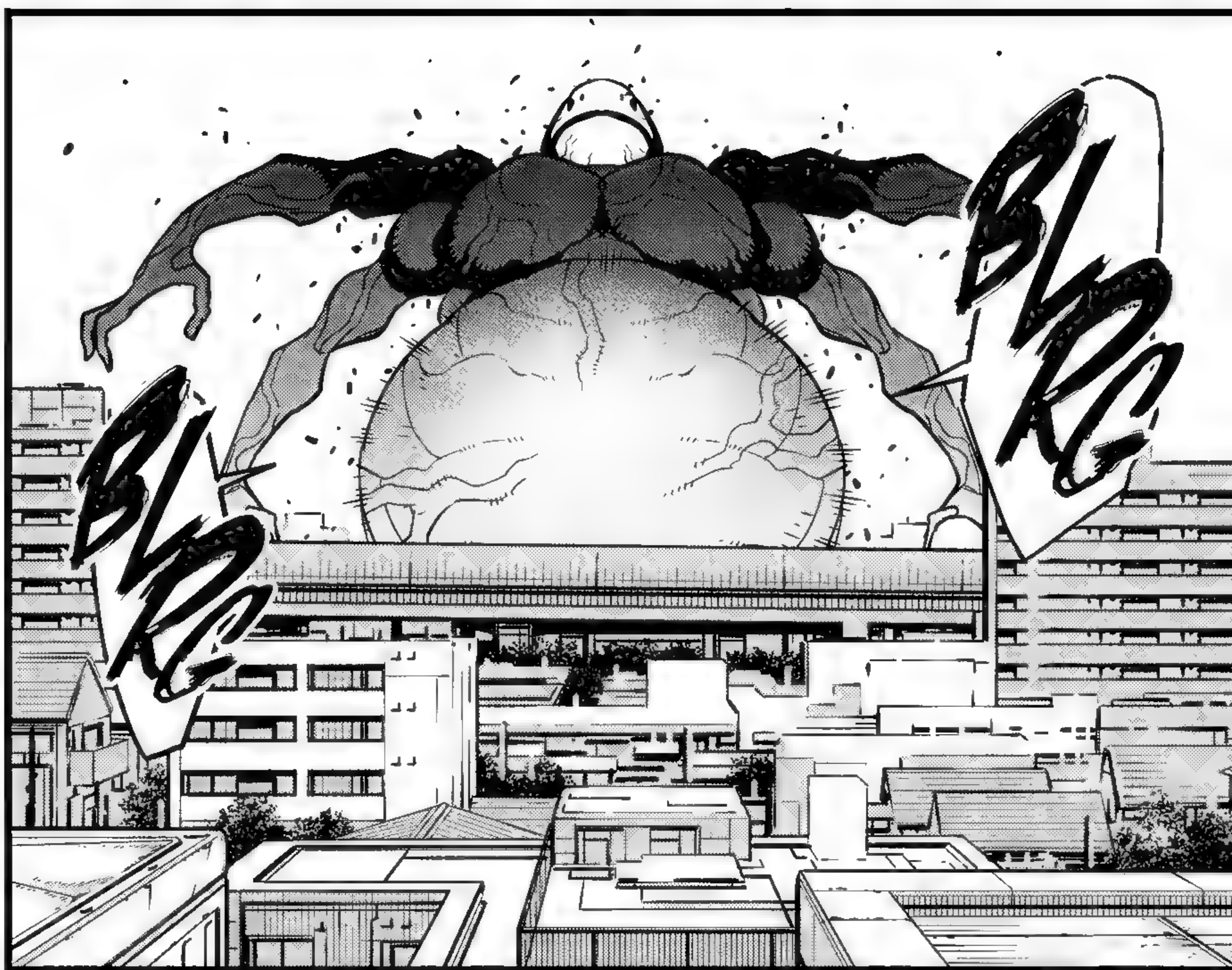


BACK IN
SHINAGAWA,
NO. 9 EMERGED
BECAUSE IT
SENSED YOUR
PARTIAL TRANS-
FORMATION.

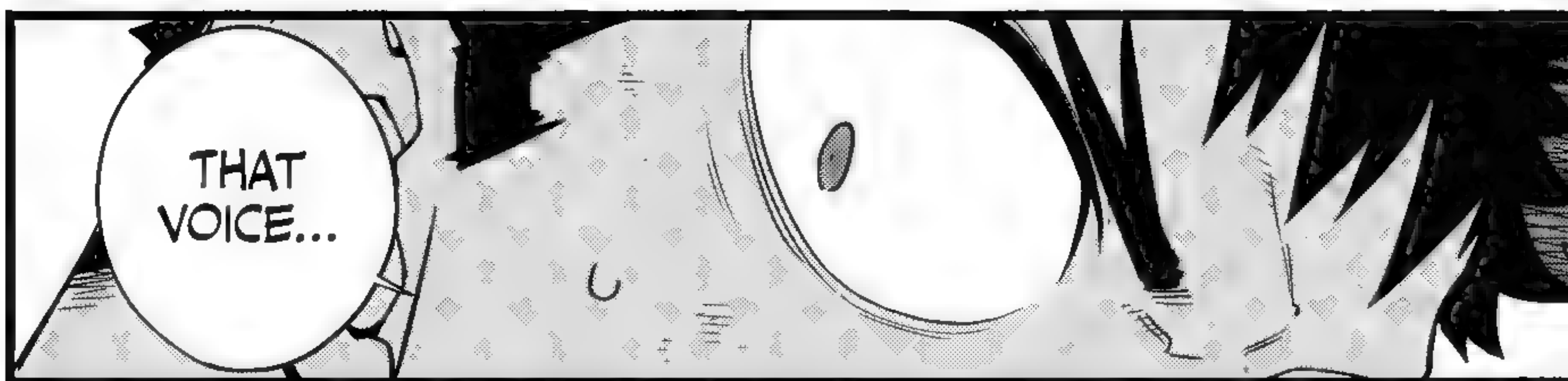
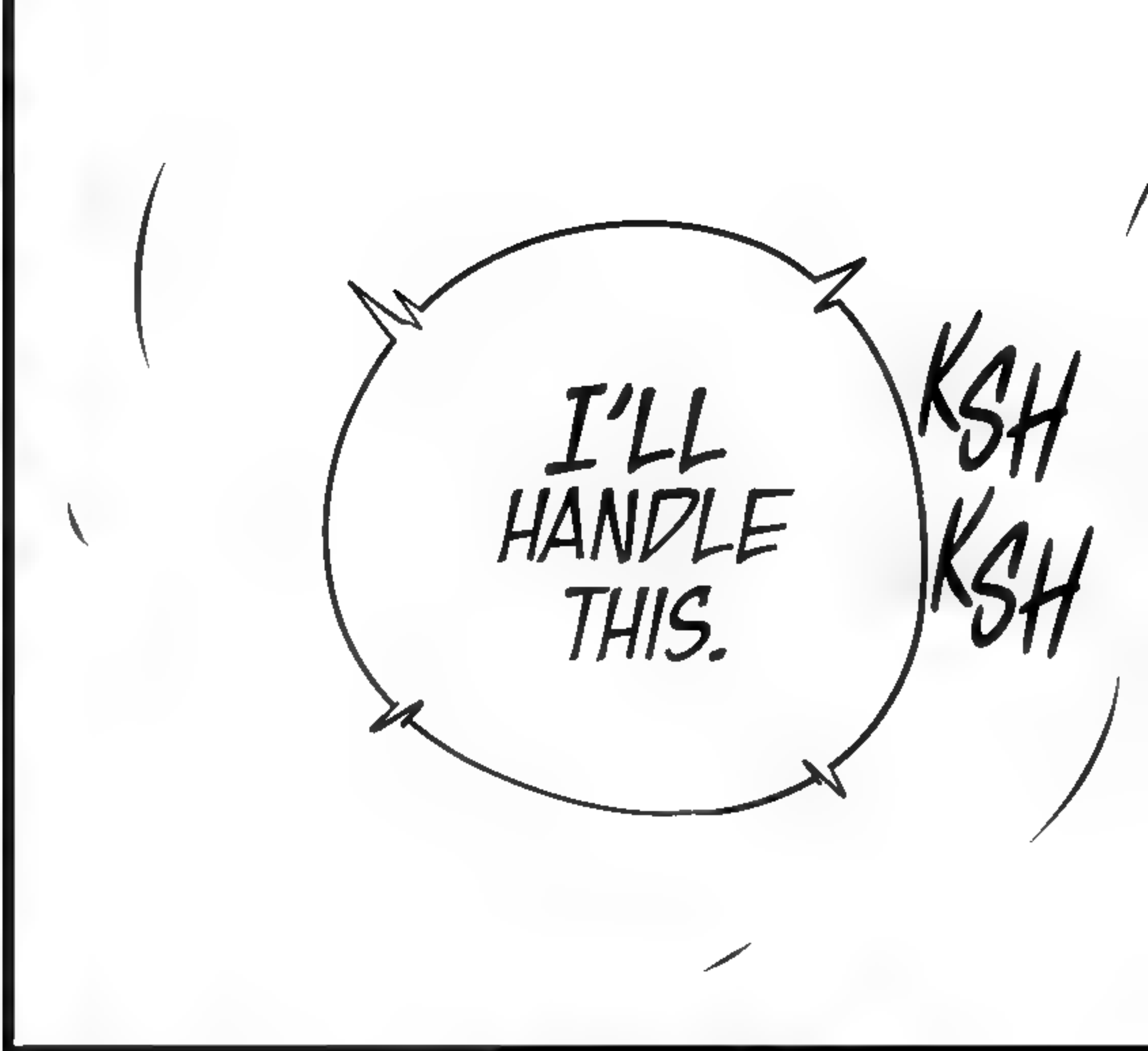


WE'RE
LIMITING YOUR
DEPLOYMENT
TO THE MOST
IMPORTANT
PHASE...

WHEN WE
NEUTRALIZE
NO. 9'S MAIN
BODY.









BUT SHE
SHOULD BE
IN TACHIKAWA
RIGHT N—



**SHE'S
HITTING
THEM? FROM
TACHIKAWA?**



**BUT
THAT'S 20
KILOMETERS
AWAY...**





KERAUNOS.

LOAD
NEXT
ROUND.

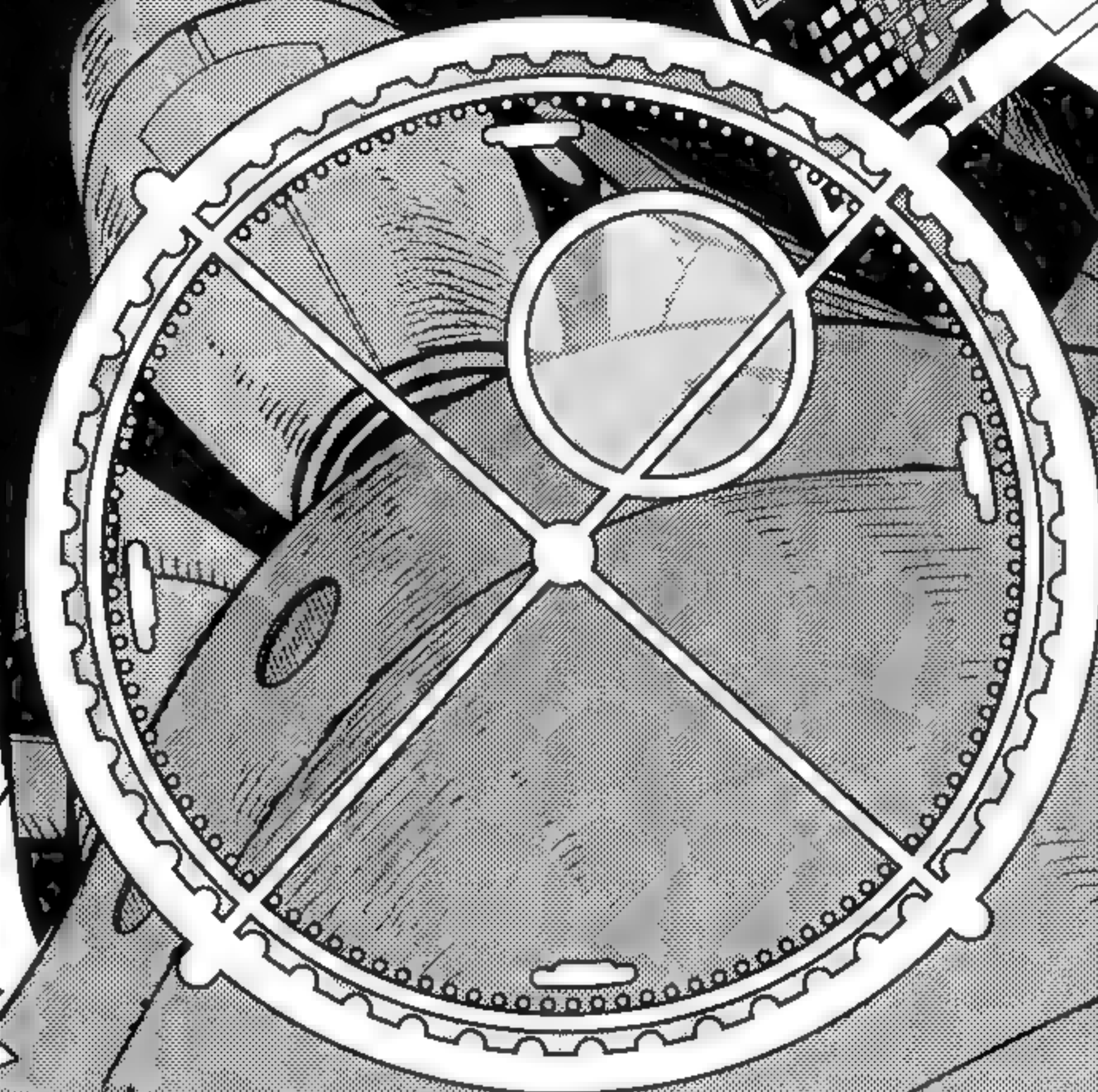
GW
OO
M
NEXT ROUND
LOADED. NOW
CALCULATING.

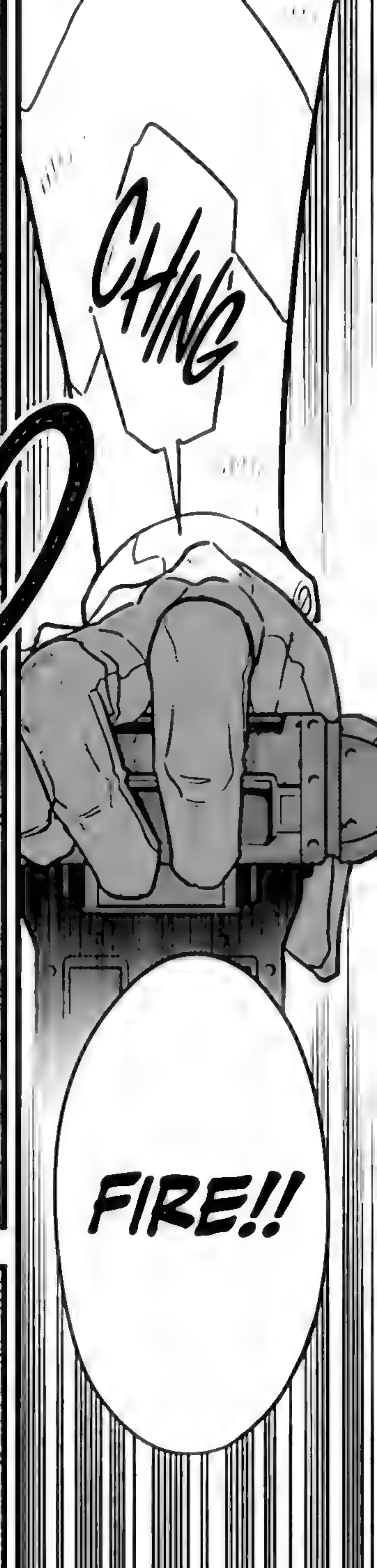
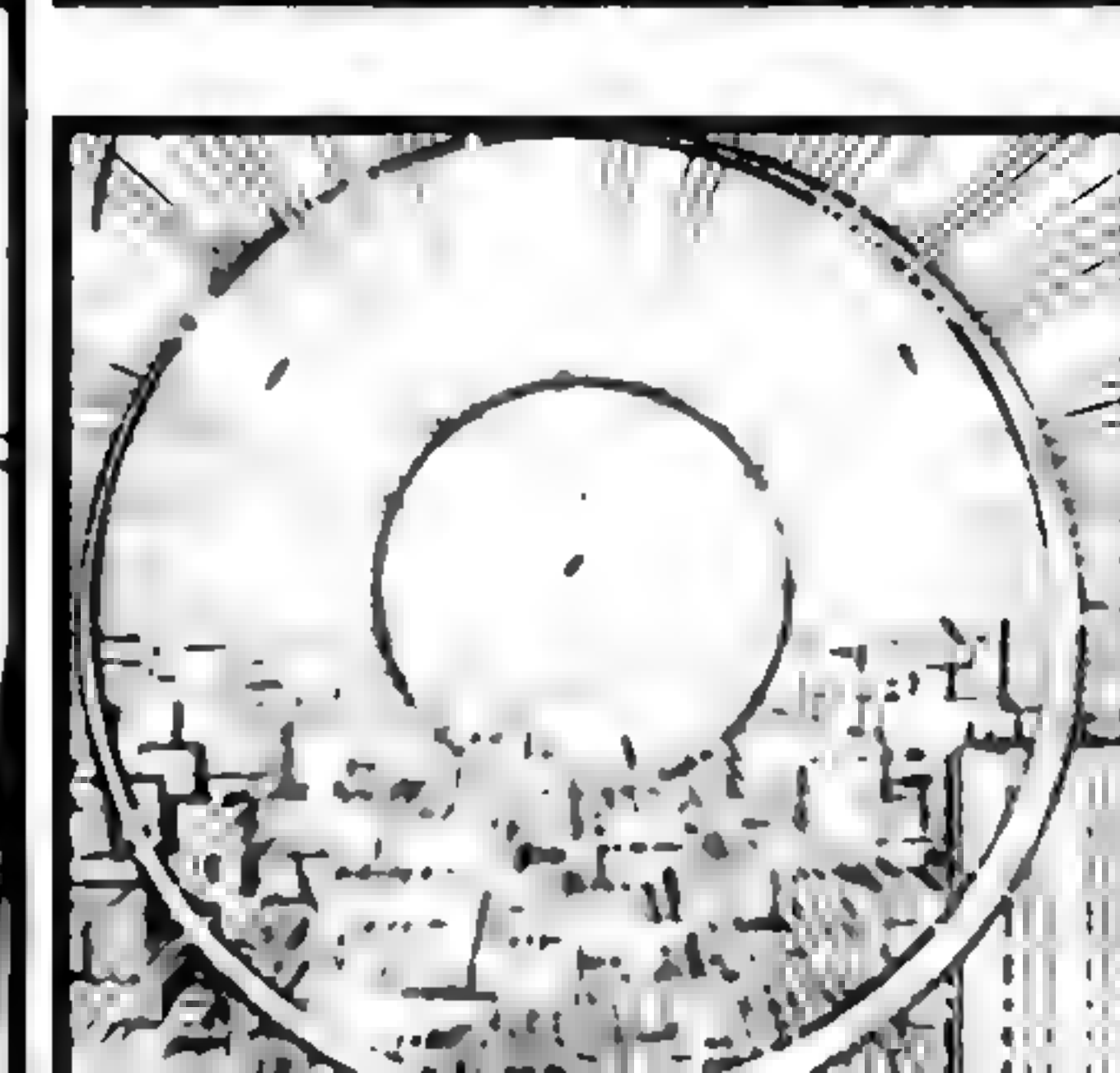
CANNON BODY
EROSION—
STAGE ONE.
UNLEASHED
COMBAT
POWER
STABLE AT 94
PERCENT.

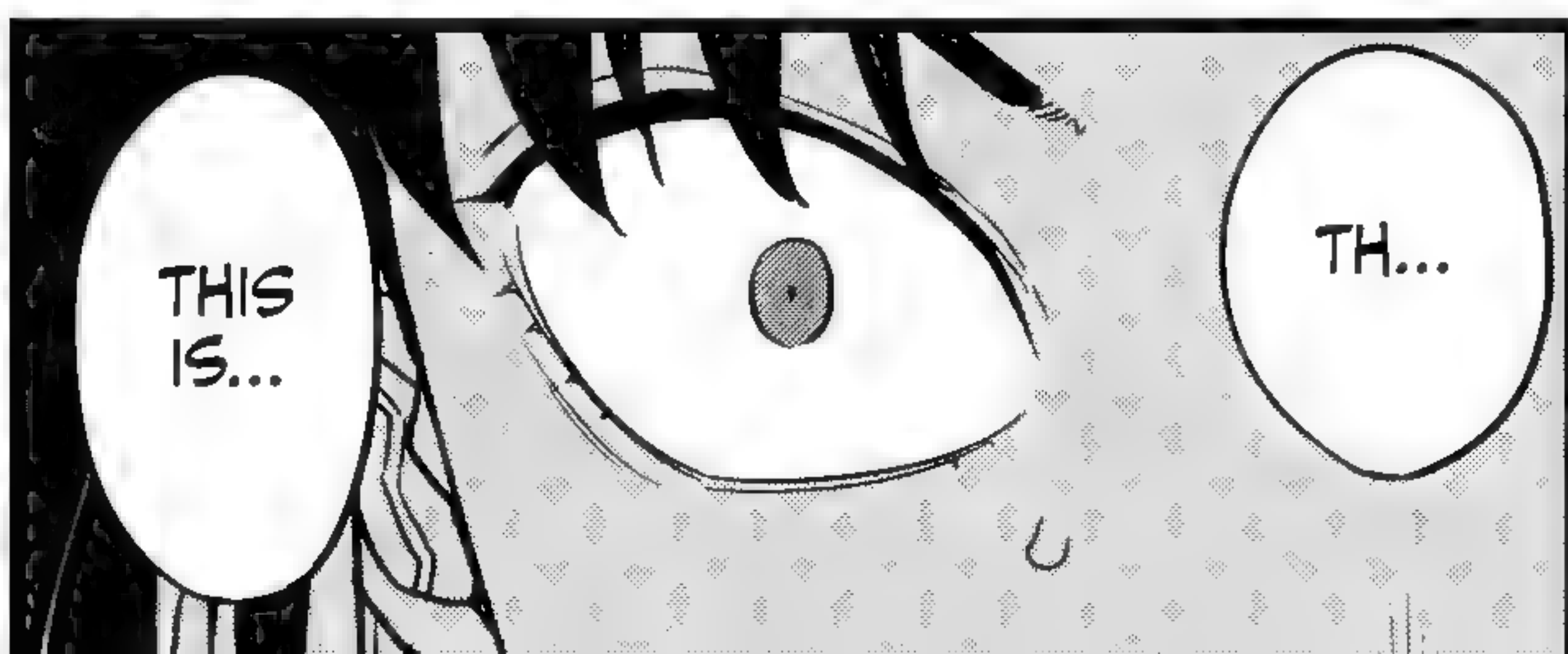
GW
OO
M

NEW
WEAPON—
MINA
ASHIRO
DEDICATED...

...ANTI-
GIANT-
CLASS
KAIJU
RAIL
GUN









...THE MIGHT
OF THE CAPTAIN
OF THE THIRD
DIVISION, MINA
ASHIRO...



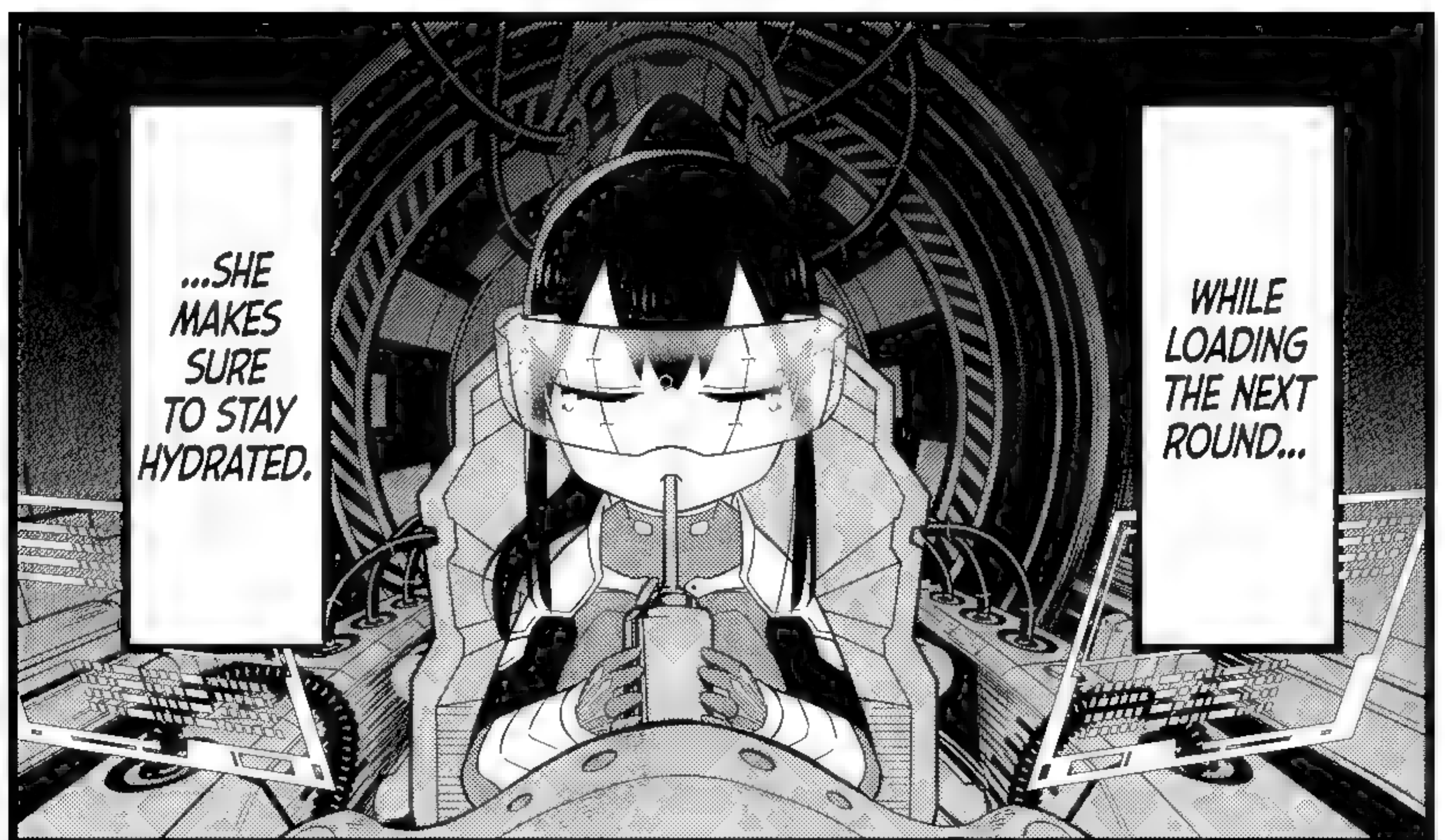
...SUPER-
GIANT-CLASS
KAIJU KILLER.

...THE
DEFENSE
FORCE'S
STRONGEST...



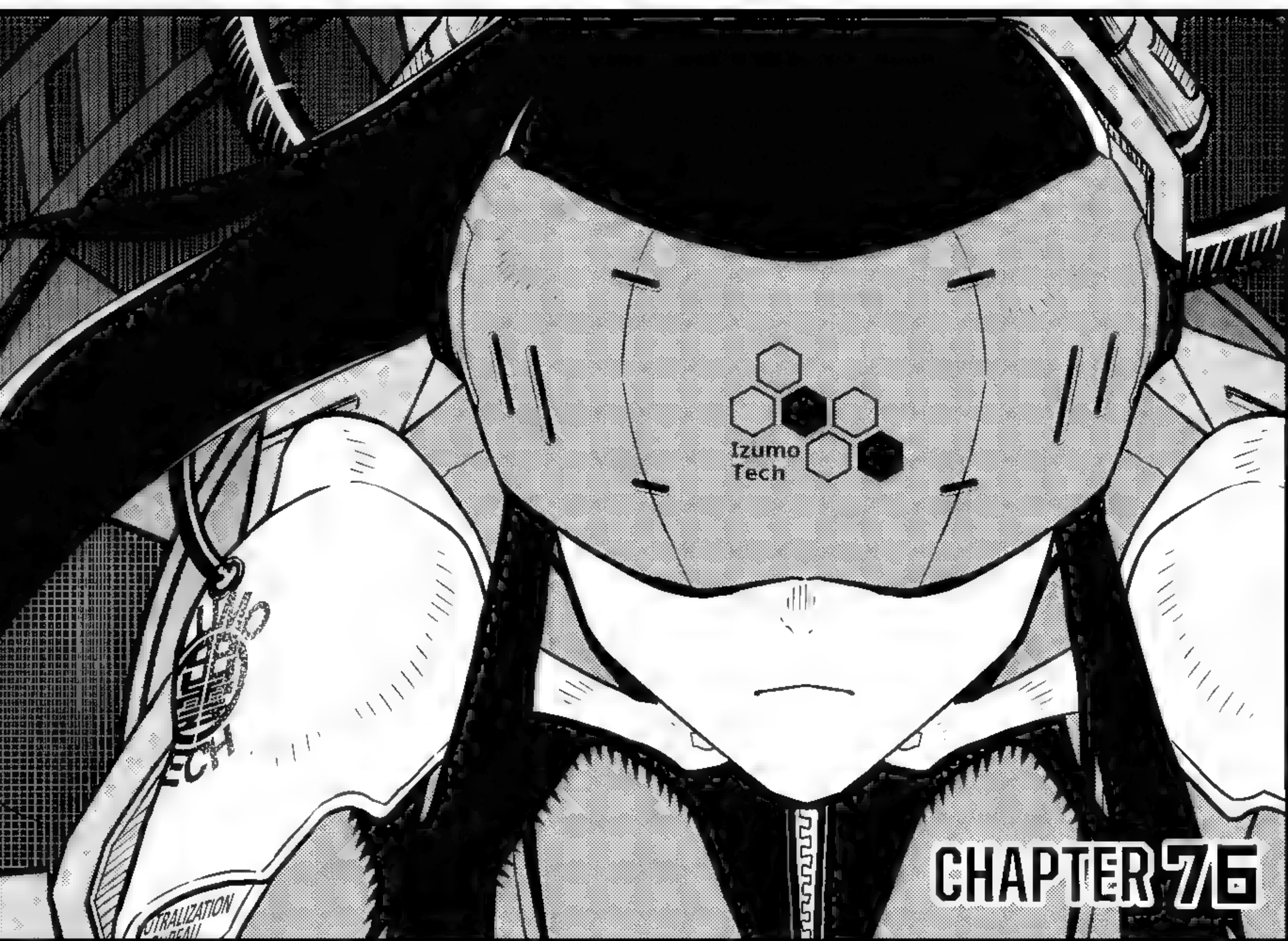
LOAD
NEXT
ROUND.

IMPORTANT HABIT





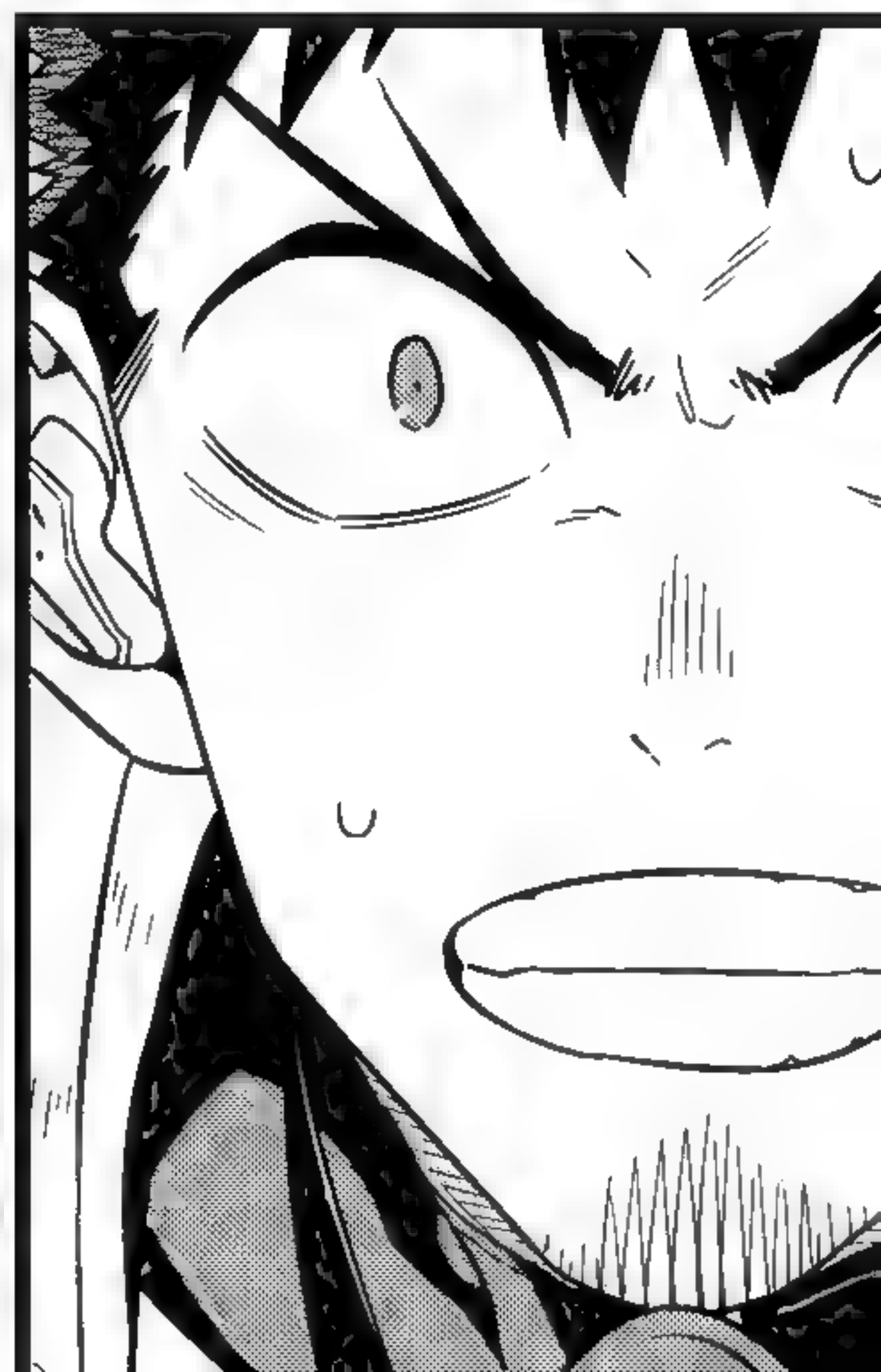
THIS IS
THE MIGHT
OF MINA
ASHIRO...

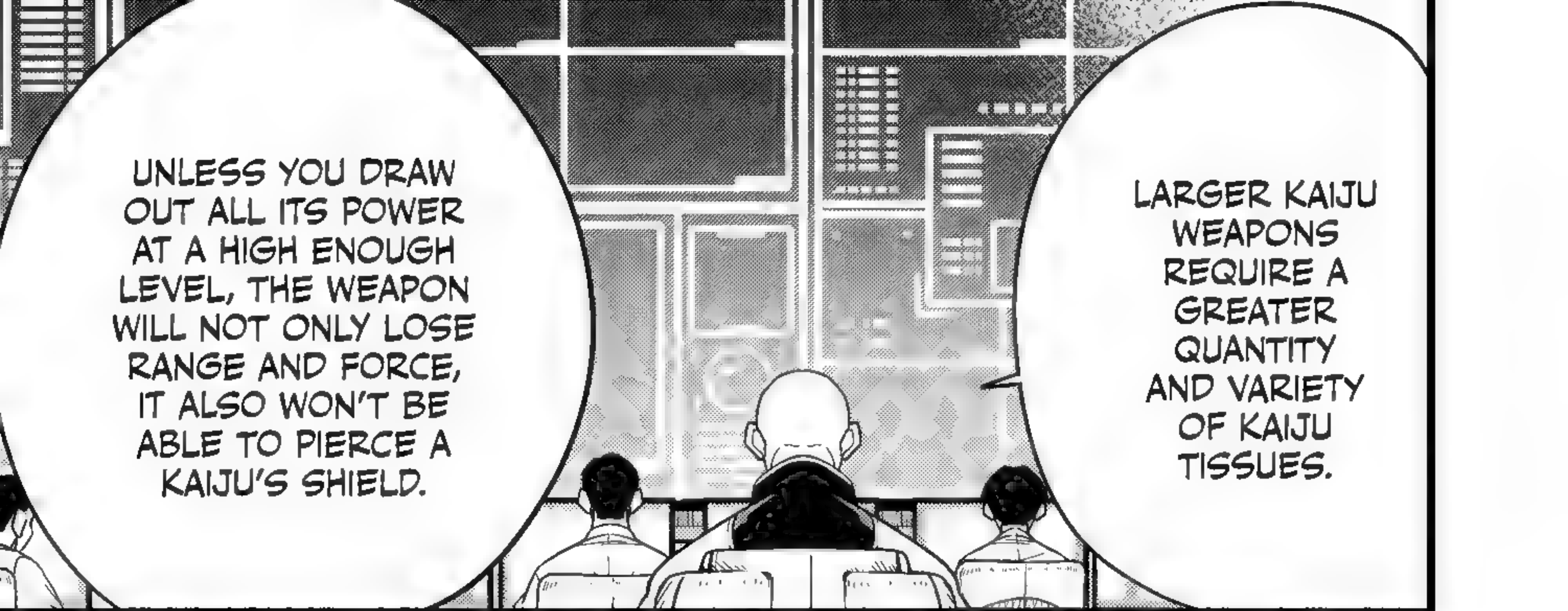


CHAPTER 76



...THE
DEFENSE
FORCE'S
STRONGEST...





UNLESS YOU DRAW
OUT ALL ITS POWER
AT A HIGH ENOUGH
LEVEL, THE WEAPON
WILL NOT ONLY LOSE
RANGE AND FORCE,
IT ALSO WON'T BE
ABLE TO PIERCE A
KAIJU'S SHIELD.

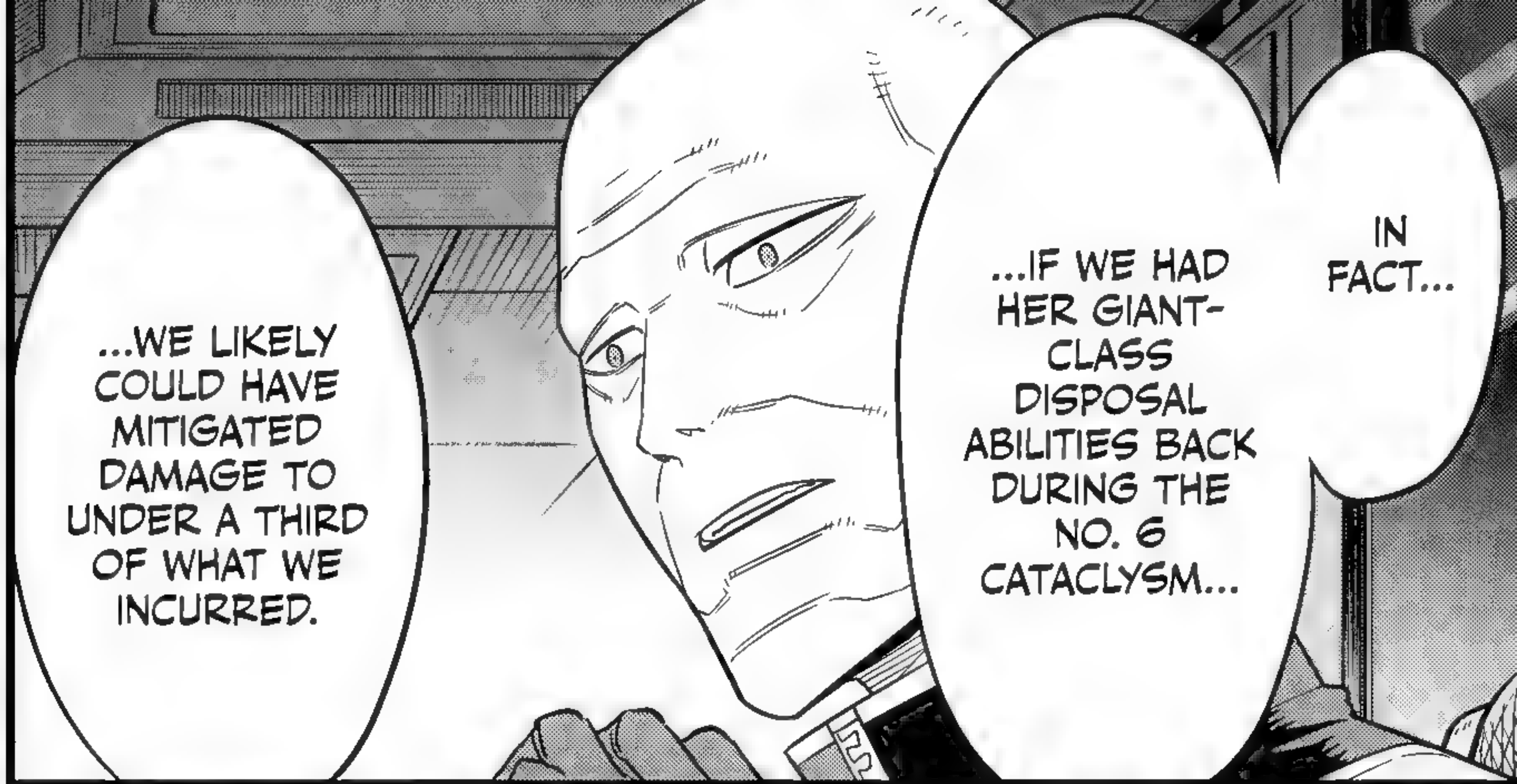
LARGER KAIJU
WEAPONS
REQUIRE A
GREATER
QUANTITY
AND VARIETY
OF KAIJU
TISSUES.



...IN THE
ENTIRE
WORLD
IS HER.



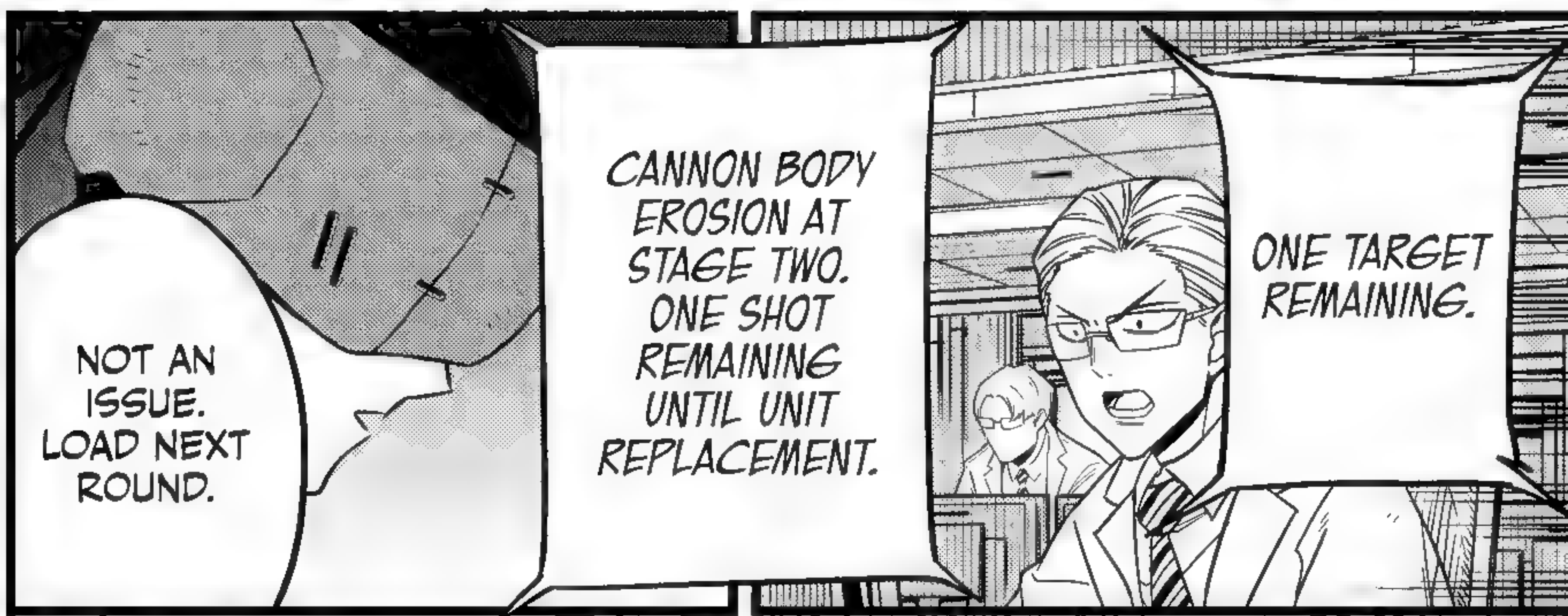
AND THE
ONLY ONE
WITH THAT
LEVEL OF
CAPABILITY
IN ALL OF
JAPAN—
NO...



...WE LIKELY
COULD HAVE
MITIGATED
DAMAGE TO
UNDER A THIRD
OF WHAT WE
INCURRED.

...IF WE HAD
HER GIANT-
CLASS
DISPOSAL
ABILITIES BACK
DURING THE
NO. 6
CATAclysm...

IN
FACT...



NOT AN
ISSUE.
LOAD NEXT
ROUND.

CANNON BODY
EROSION AT
STAGE TWO.
ONE SHOT
REMAINING
UNTIL UNIT
REPLACEMENT.

ONE TARGET
REMAINING.



I WILL
TAKE IT
DOWN.



PRIORITIZE
SECURING
CIVILIANS!

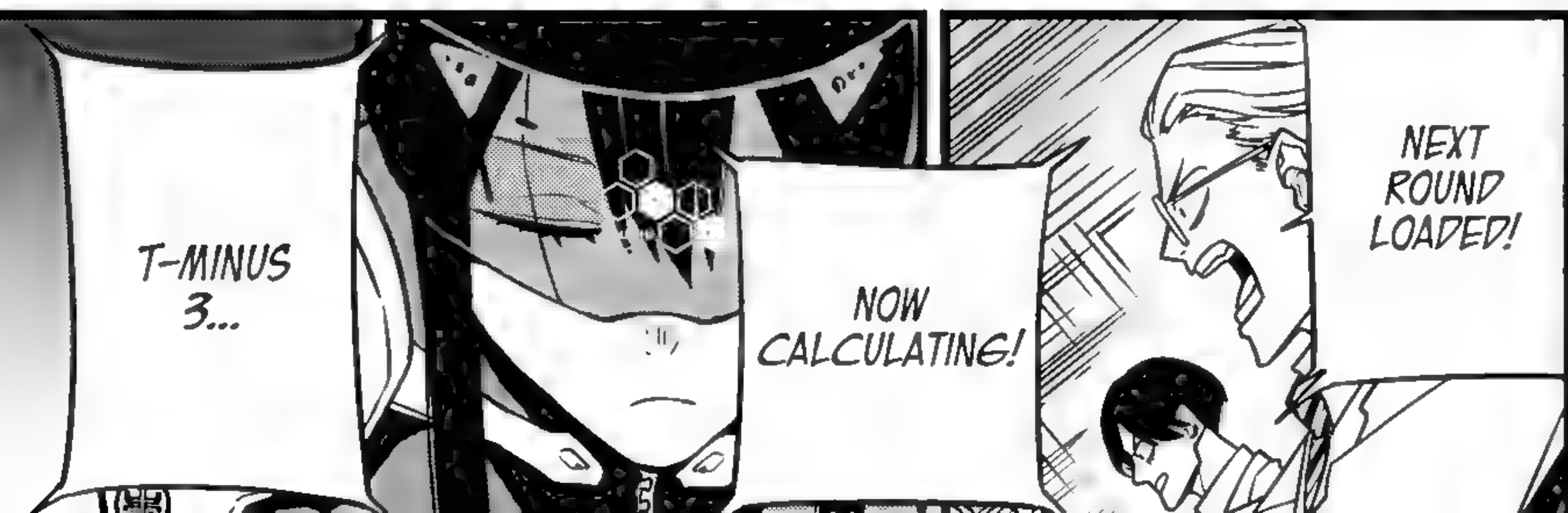
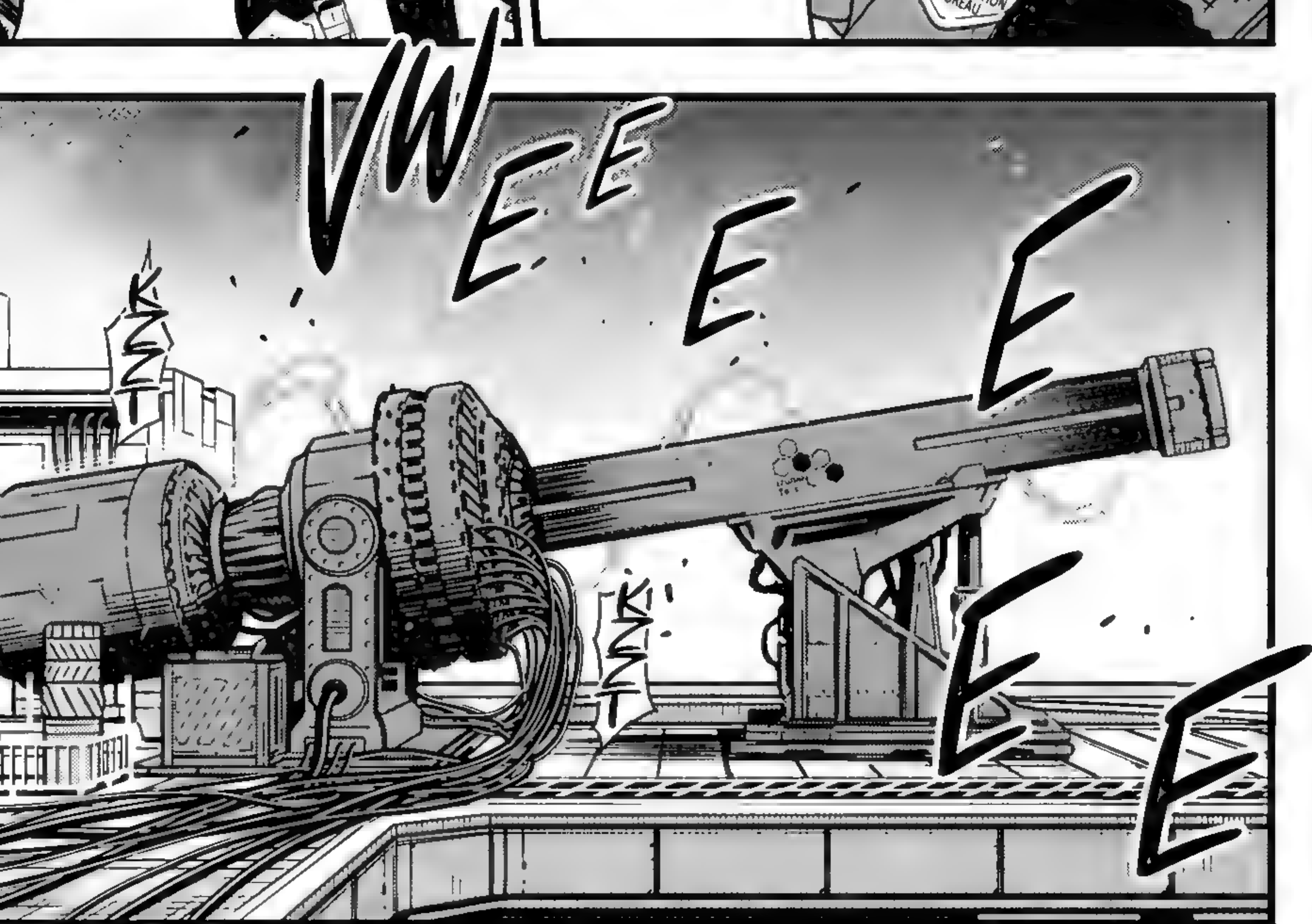
DON'T
WASTE
THIS
CHANCE!!

KA-
SHING



SHINONOME
PLATOON,
TACHIBANA
PLATOON,
MAKIJIMA
PLATOON!

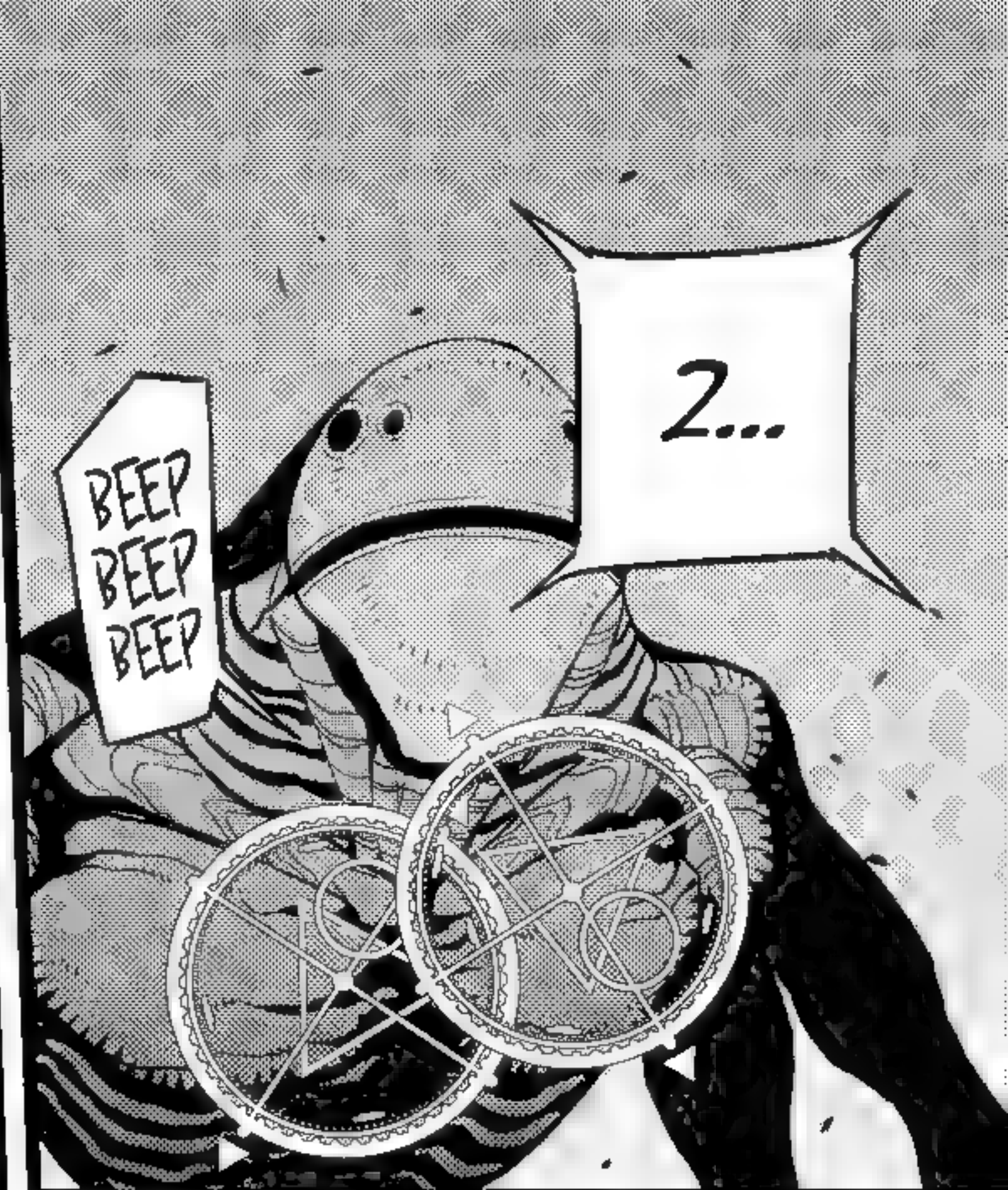
ON
CAPTAIN
ASHIRO'S
NEXT SHOT,
WE RUSH THE
SUPERGIANTS'
EMERGENCE
AREA!

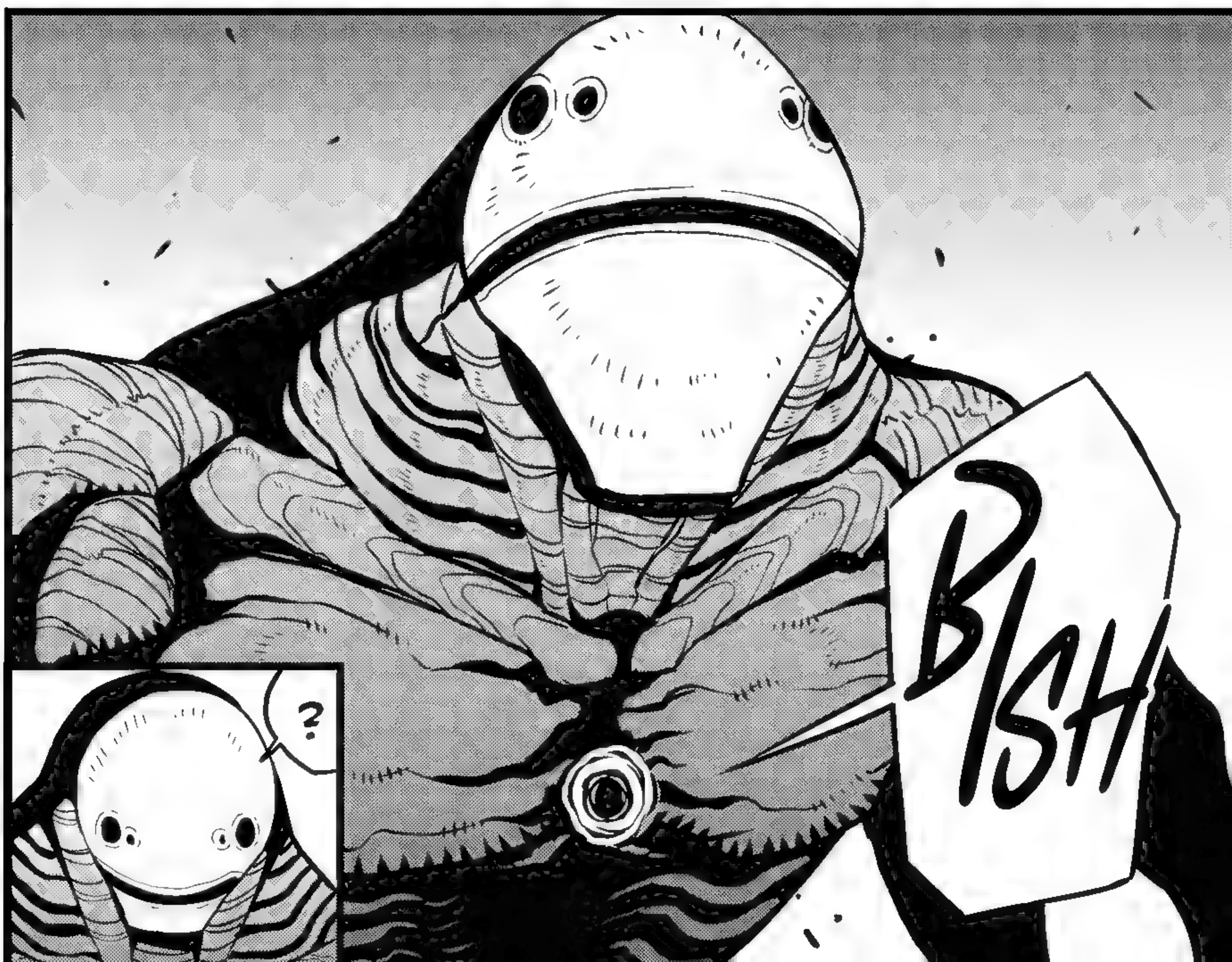
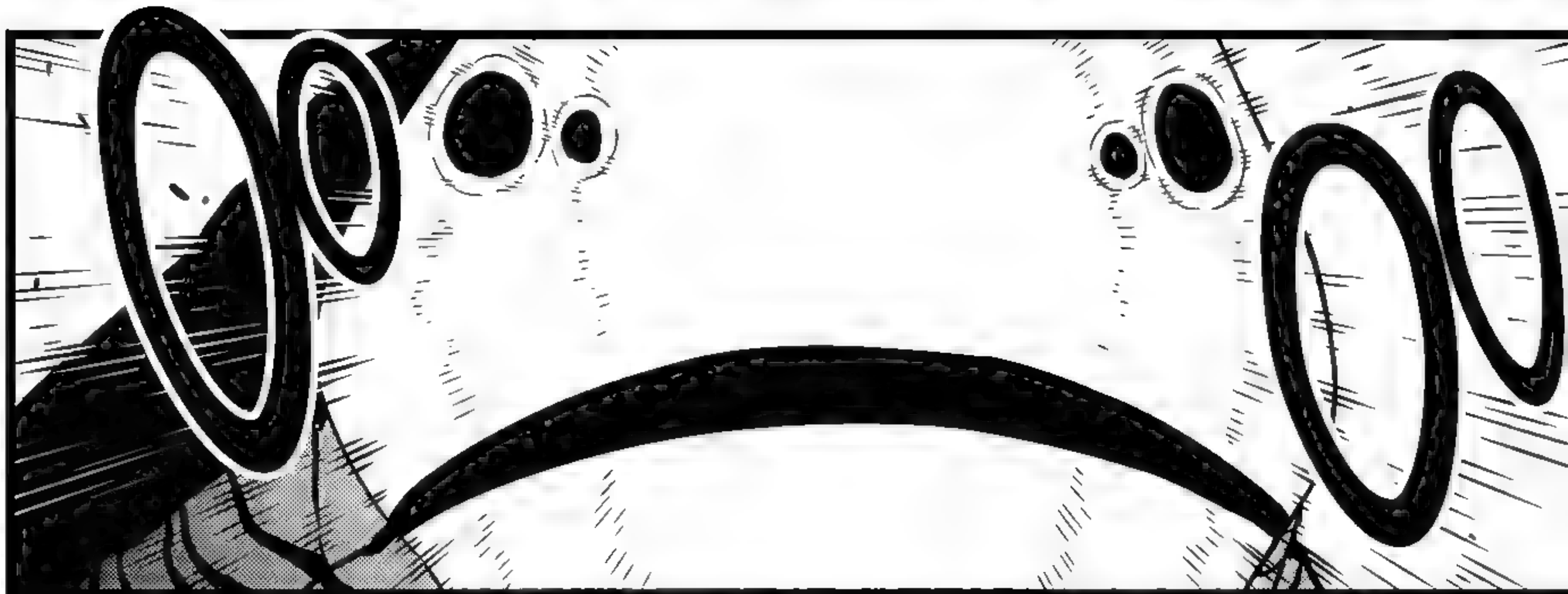
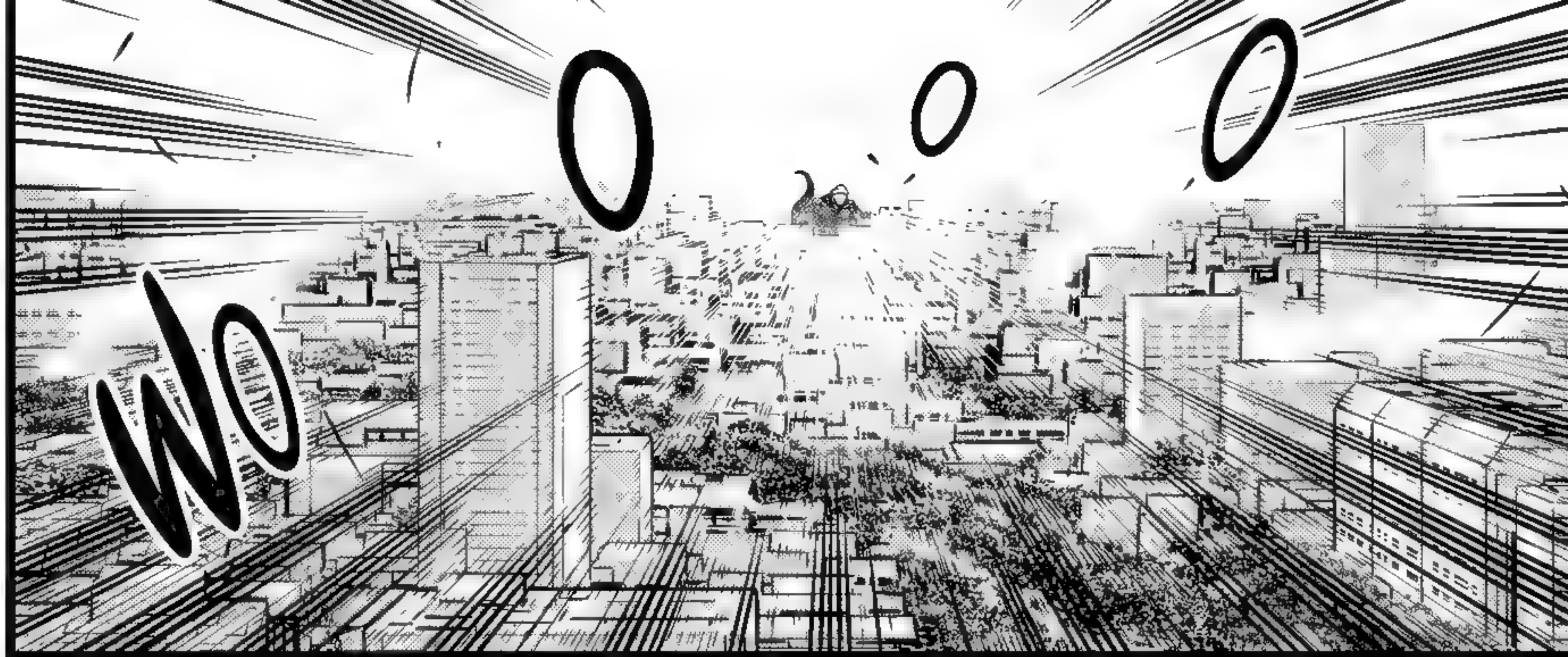


T-MINUS
3...

NOW
CALCULATING!

NEXT
ROUND
LOADED!









**MOVE
IN!!**



**WE'RE
CLEARING
THE
AREA!!**



**HELL
YEAH!!**

**HOW DO
YOU LIKE
THEM
APPLES,
KAIJU?!**



**CAPTAIN
ASHIRO...**

**...HAS
DESTROYED
ALL
TARGETS!!**



THAT'S WHAT
THE VICE-
CAPTAIN OF
THE KAFKA
CORPS...

...MINA
ASHIRO,
IS MADE
OF!!



DASH

QUIT
GOOFING
AROUND AND
PROTECT THE
CITIZENS WE
GUIDED TO
THE POINT
I JUST
SENT YOU.

ROGER!!



KAFKA
CORPS?

OH CRAP!
I STILL
HAD MY
RADIO
ON!!

CONDITIONS
ARE IMPROVING
IN THE OIZUMI
AREA, ZONE BY
ZONE!



...AND
DELTA ZONE
REPORTED
CLEAR!!

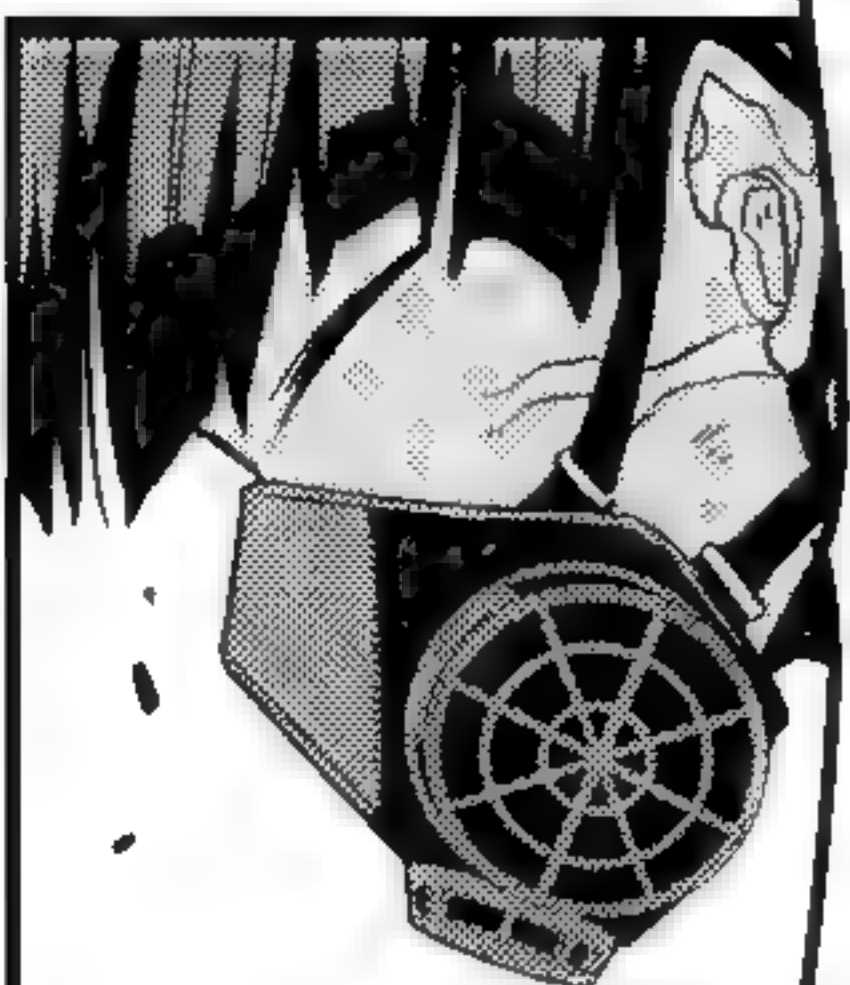
ALPHA
ZONE...

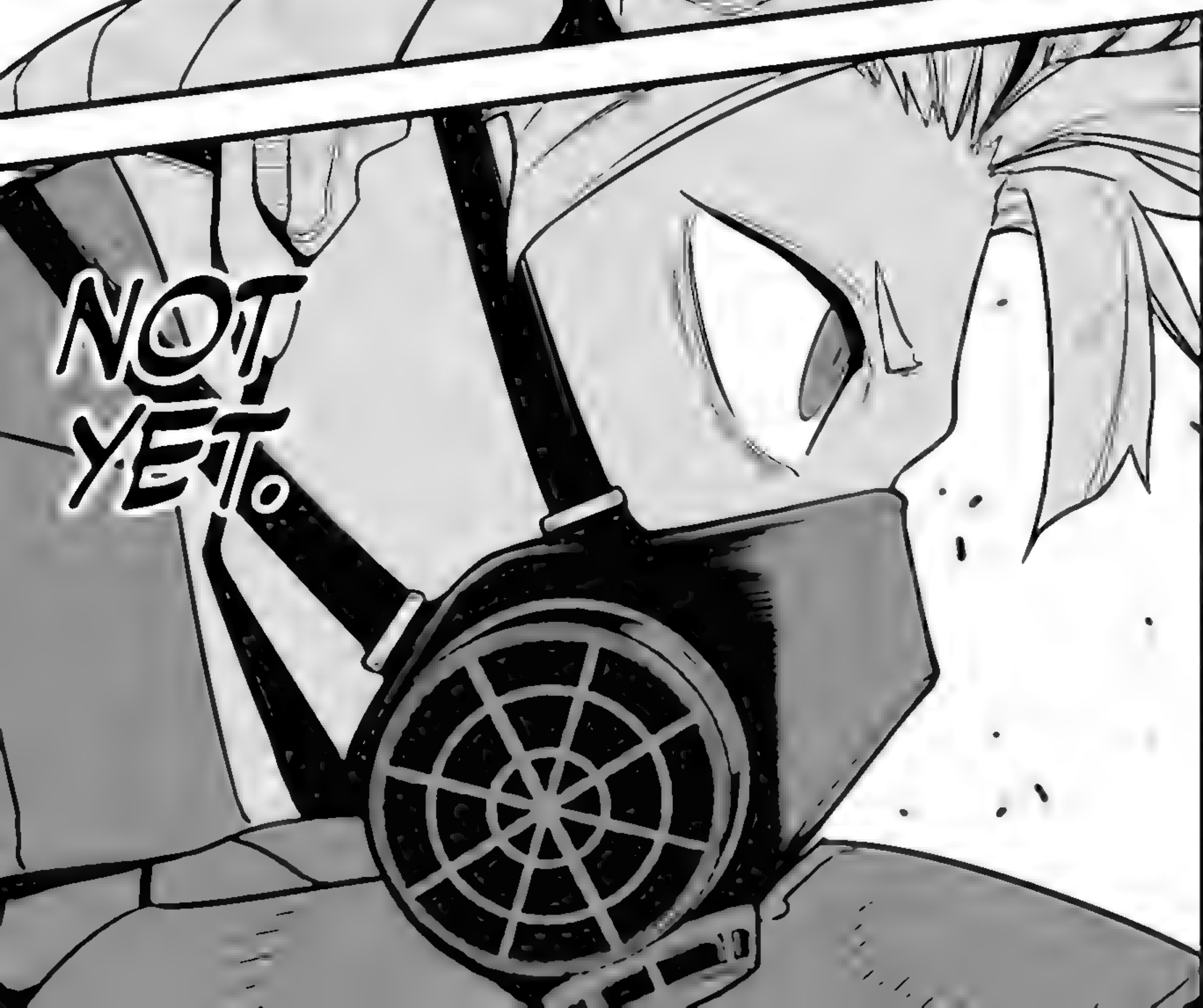


MORE
REPORTS
COMING IN
OF AREAS
BEING
CLEARED
FROM ALL
OVER
TOKYO!!



WE MIGHT BE
ABLE TO GET
EVERYTHING
UNDER
CONTROL AT
THIS RATE...





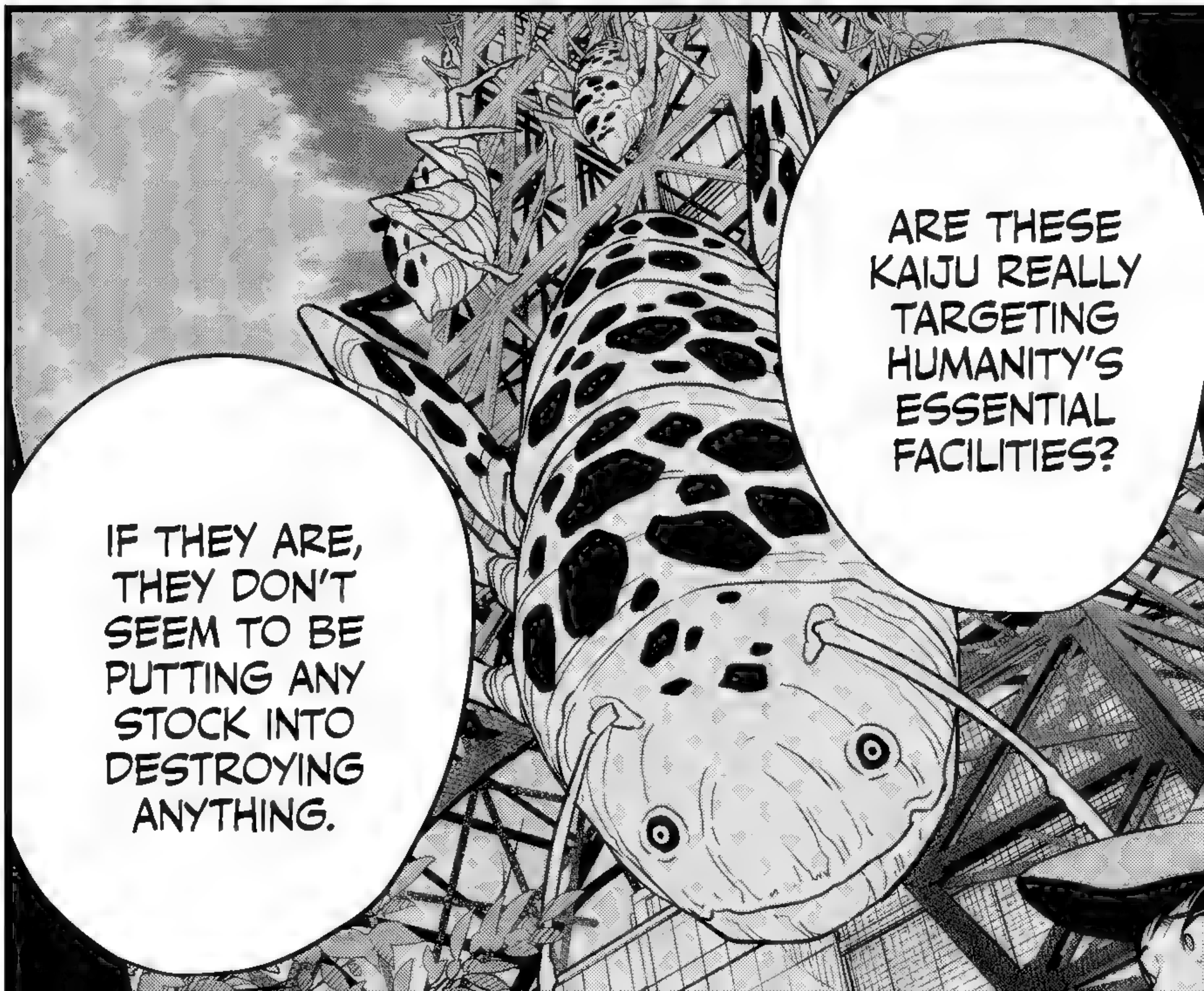


...WOULD
COME TO
SUCH A
MIDDLING
END!

THERE'S
NO WAY A
CATAclysm
CAUSED BY
NO. 9...



ALSO,
IT'S
ODD.



IF THEY ARE,
THEY DON'T
SEEM TO BE
PUTTING ANY
STOCK INTO
DESTROYING
ANYTHING.

ARE THESE
KAIJU REALLY
TARGETING
HUMANITY'S
ESSENTIAL
FACILITIES?



THEY'RE
DEFINITELY
AFTER
SOMETHING
ELSE.

YEAH.



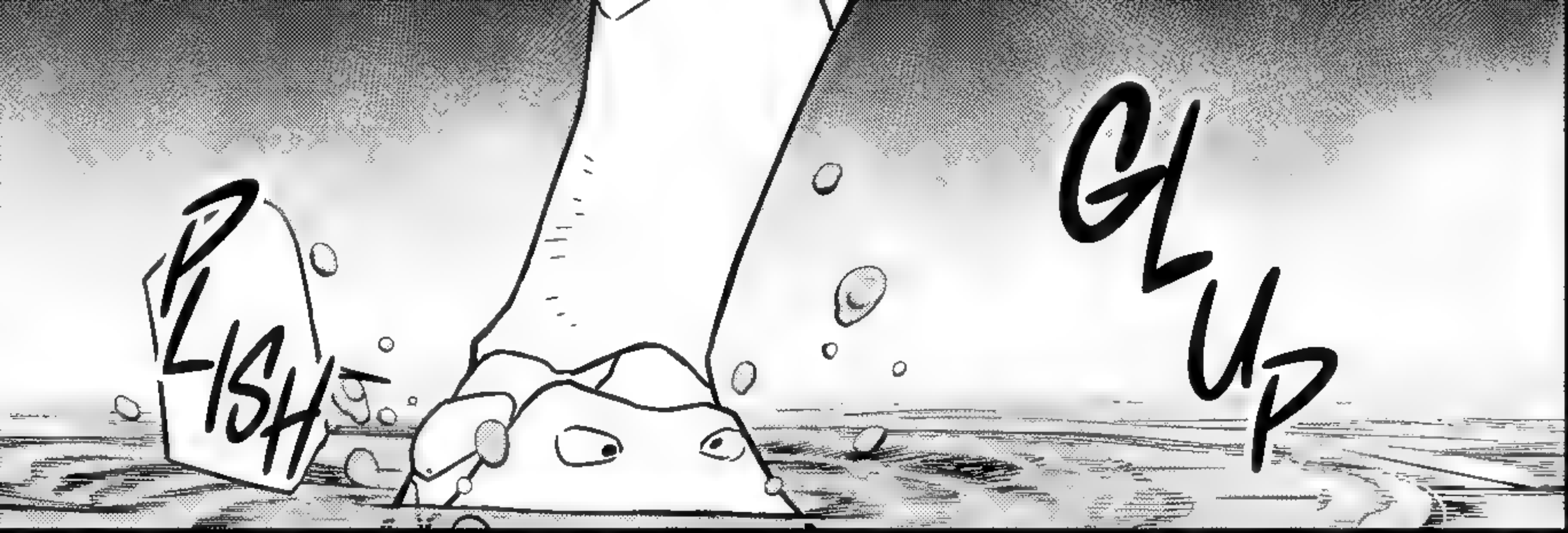
...BUT...



NO. 8 NOT
SHOWING UP IS
SURPRISING...



...NOW
NEARLY
ALL THE
PIECES ARE
ON THE
BOARD.









E-
ESTIMATED
FORTITUDE...

...9.0
?!



THAT'S
ON
PAR
WITH
NO.
10...





HEY,
MASTER
MORON.



THEY'RE
AFTER ME,
I SEE...



THERE'S
ONE HERE
TOO.



REPORTIN'
IN.





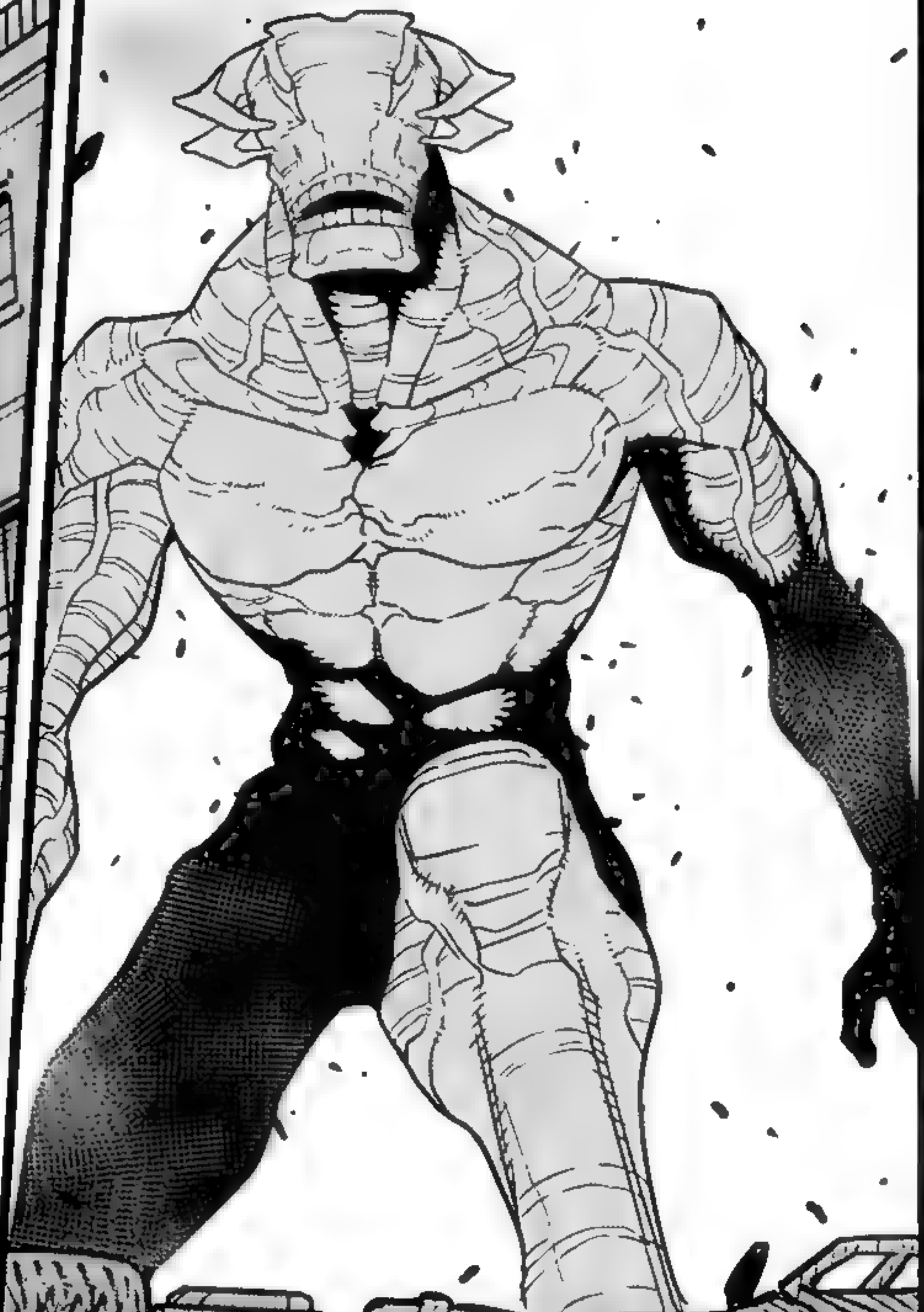




**KAIJU
NO. 11**

**KAIJU
NO. 12**

**KAIJU
NO. 13**



**KAIJU
NO. 14**



EPISODE 8
THE SECOND
WAVE

I
FOUND
YOU.

**KAIJU
NO. 15**

KIKORU
SHINOMIYA.

KA
TK

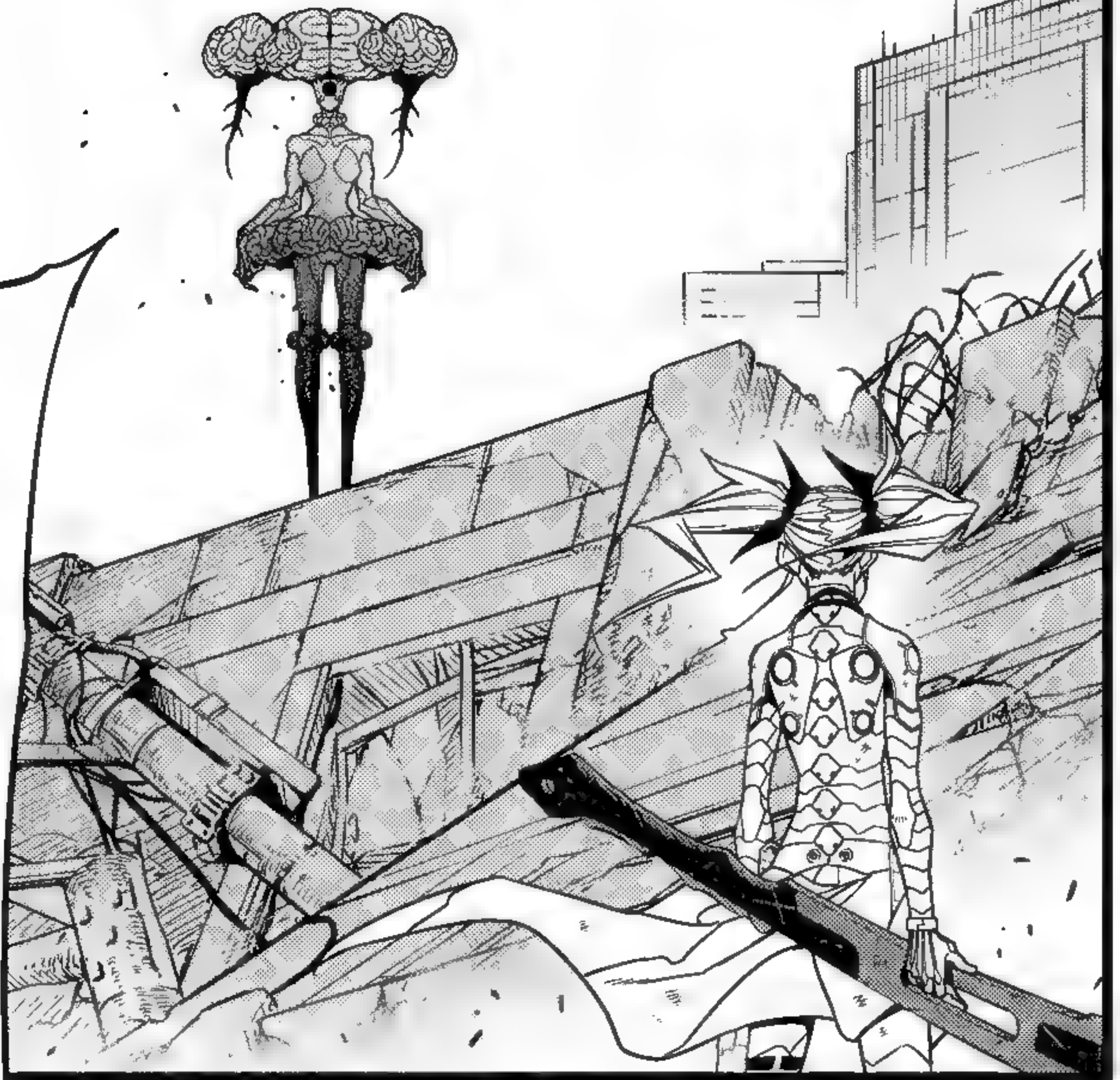
KA
TK

SIDE EFFECT OF THE JOB

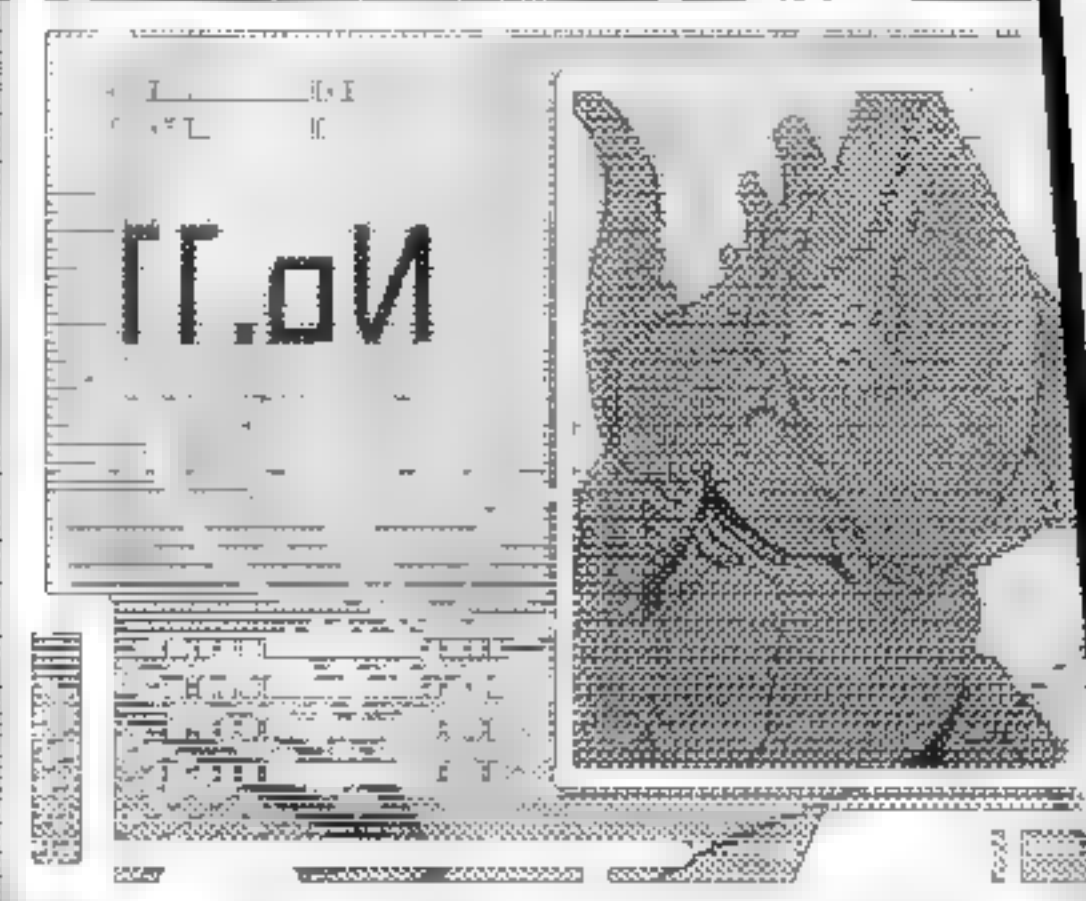


CHAPTER 77

ALL FIVE OF
THE NEWLY
EMERGED
THREATS ARE
CONFIRMED
TO EXCEED
IDENTIFIED
KAIJU CLASS!!



...WE'RE
DESIGNATING
THE KAIJU IN
QUESTION
WITH I.D.
NUMBERS!!



AS OF THIS
MOMENT...





**KAIJU
NO. 13**



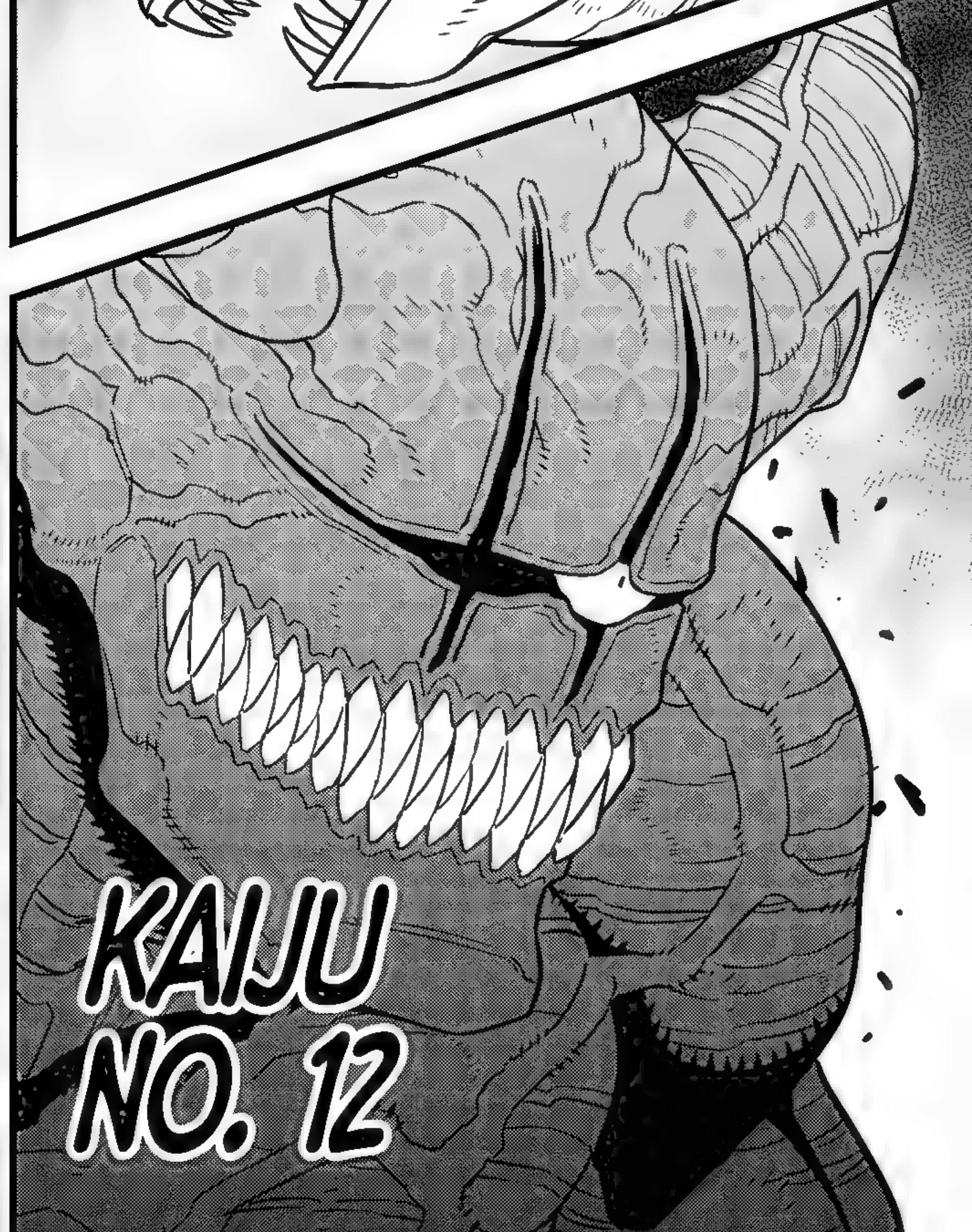
**KAIJU
NO. 14**



**KAIJU
NO. 15**



**KAIJU
NO. 11**



**KAIJU
NO. 12**



FIVE
IDENTIFIED
KAIJU?
AT THE
SAME
TIME?!

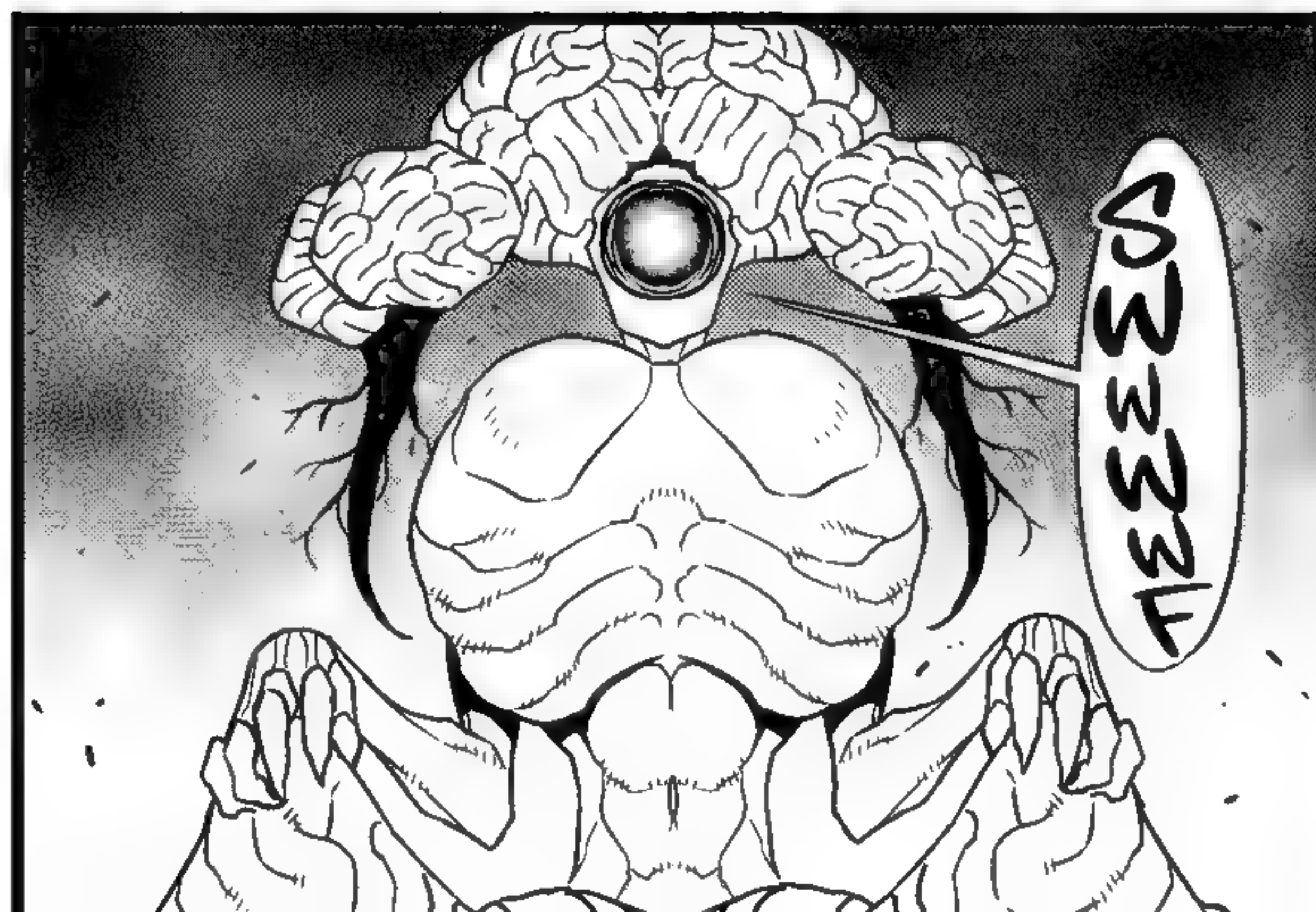
IMPOS-
SIBLE!!



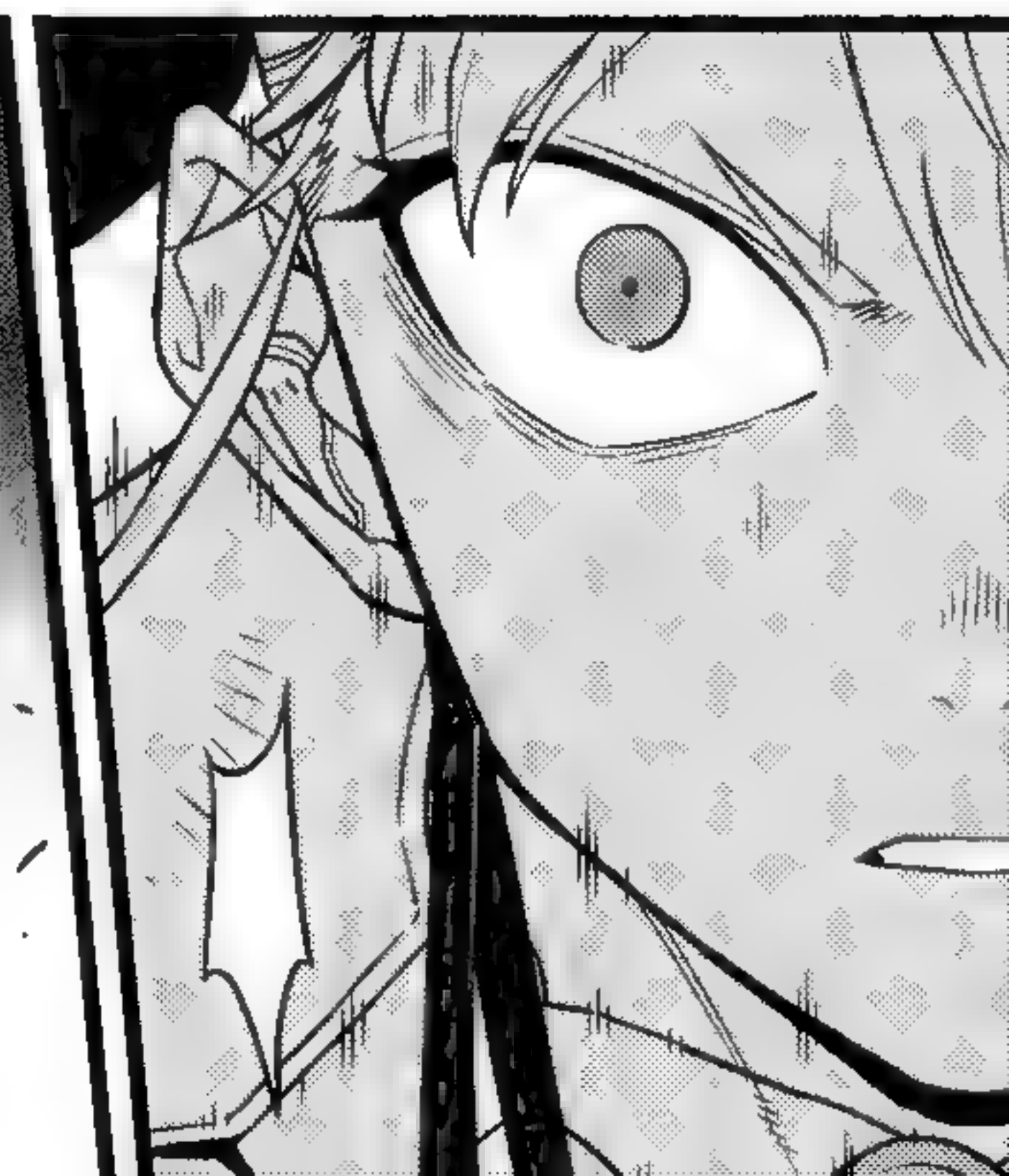
CLAT

TR

THAT'S WELL
BEYOND WHAT
THE EASTERN
DIVISION CAN
HANDLE ON
ITS OWN!!

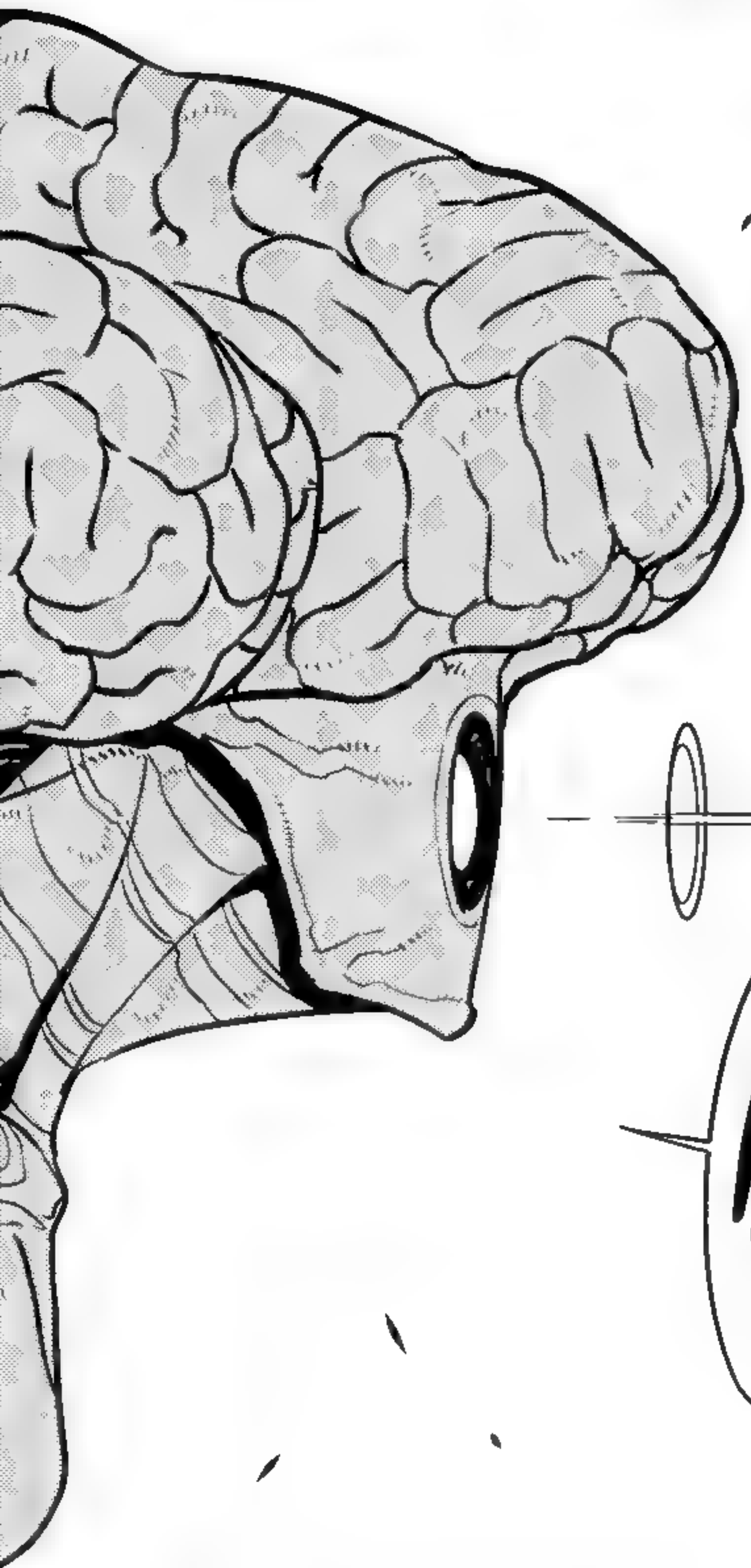


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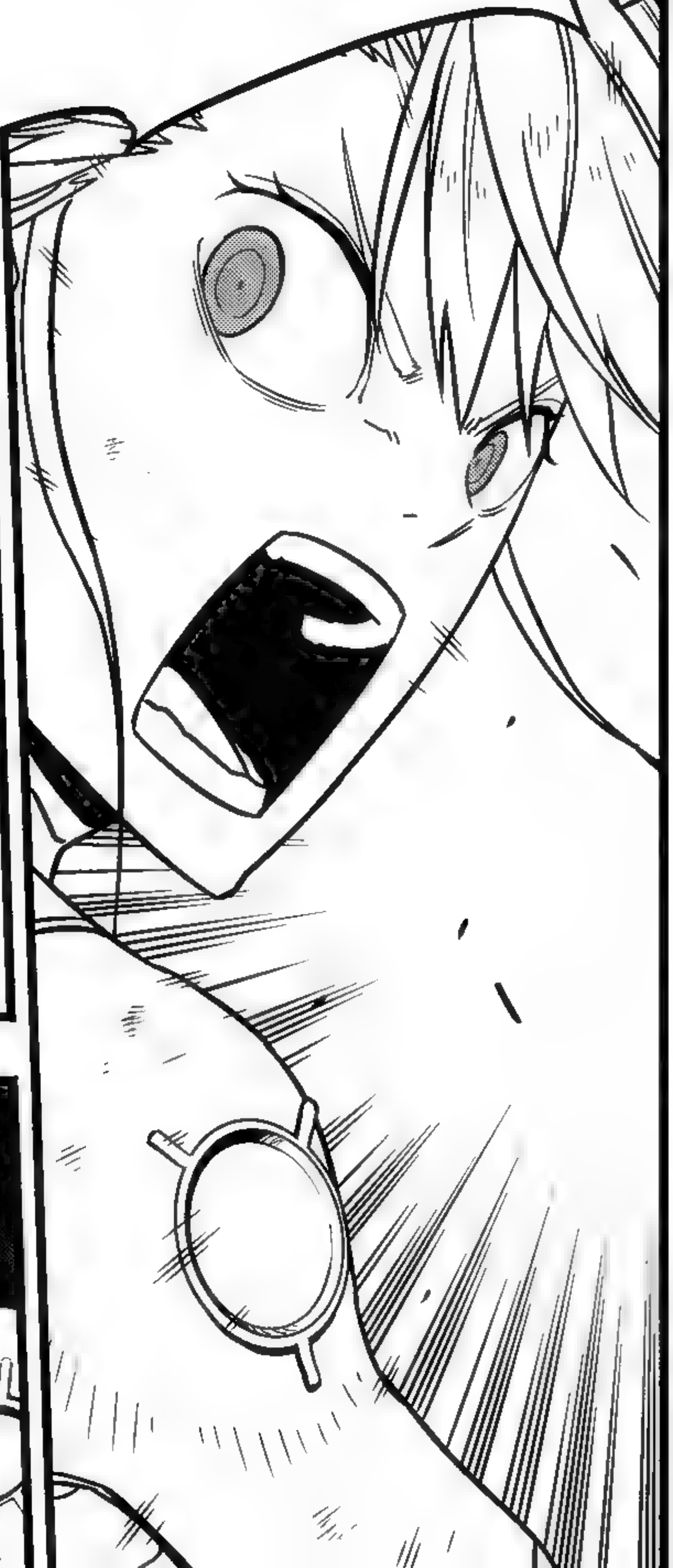




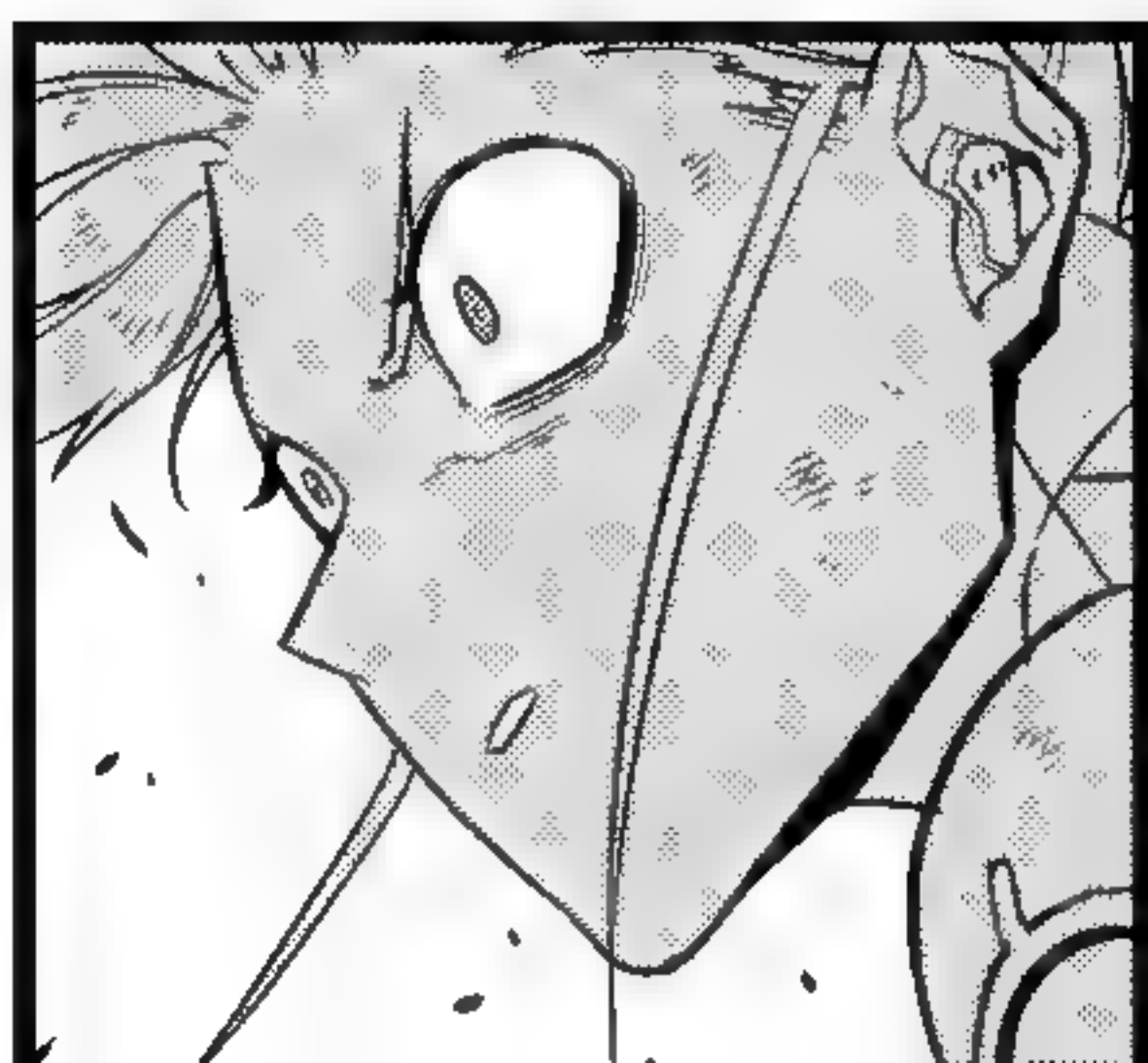
**ALL
OFFICERS,
TAKE
EVASIVE
ACTION
IMMEDI—**



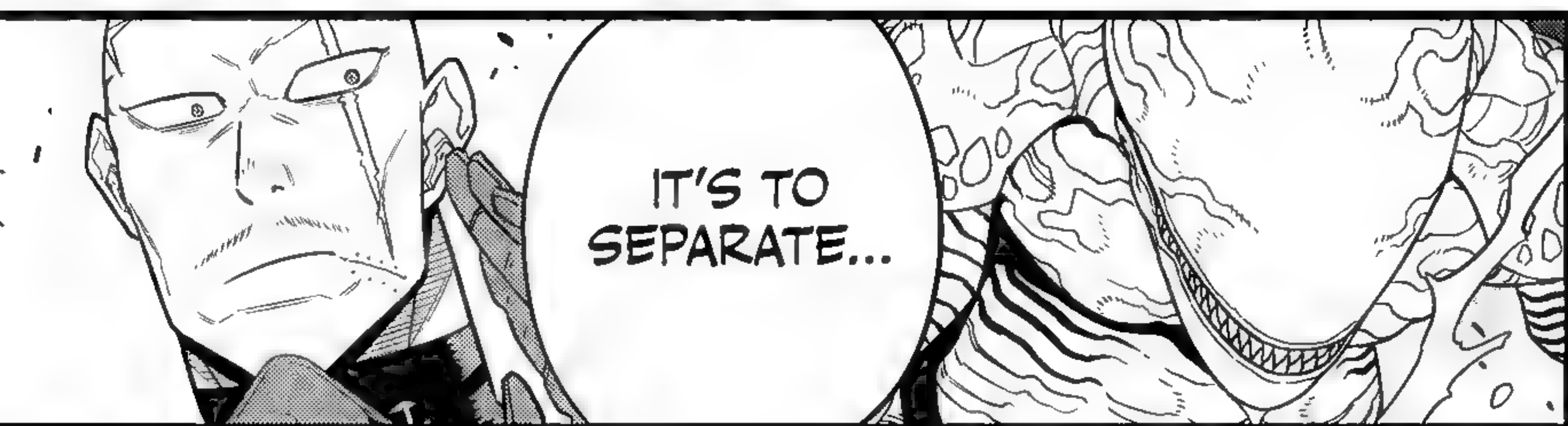
Foom

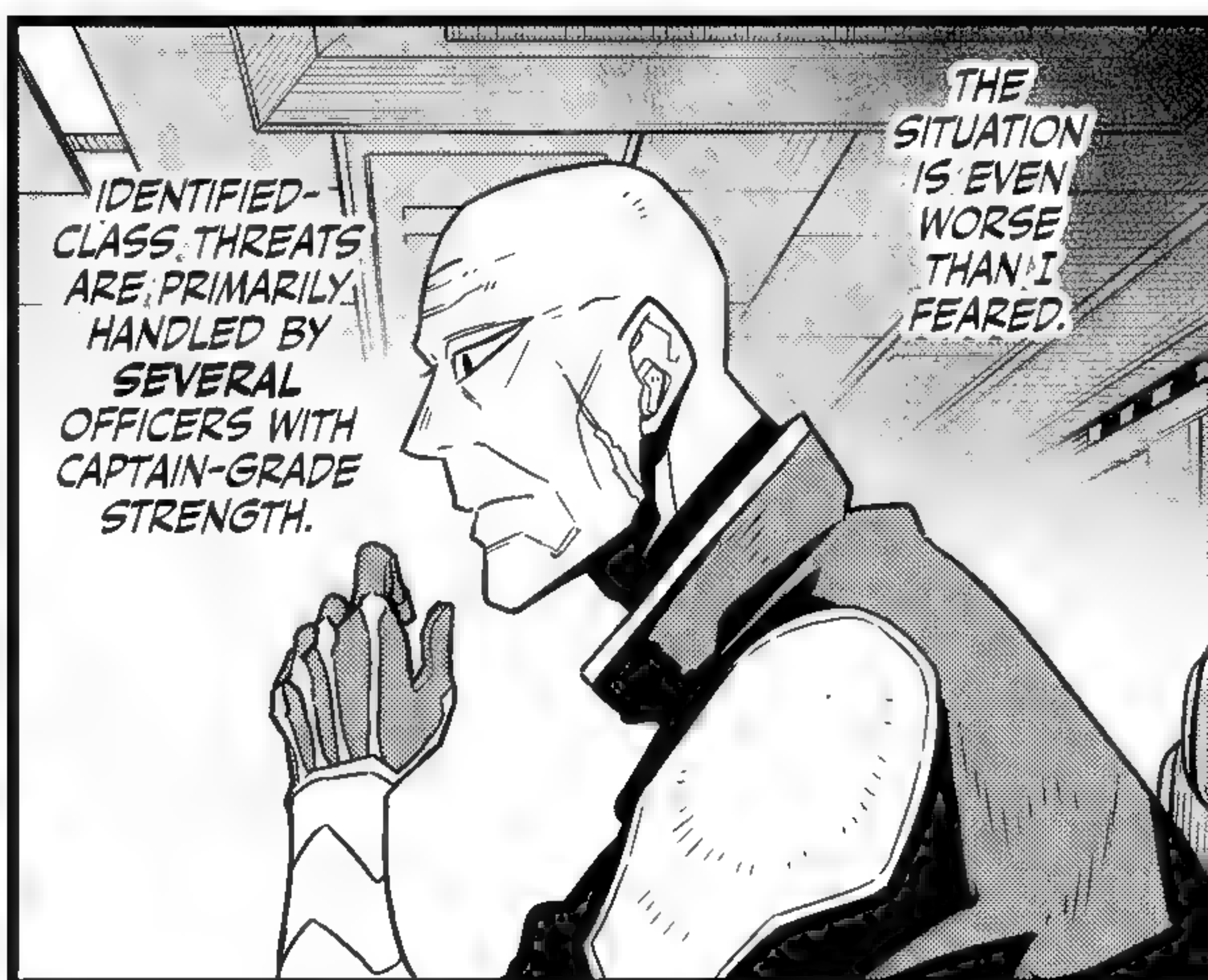












WHAT
SHOULD
OUR NEXT
MOVE BE?

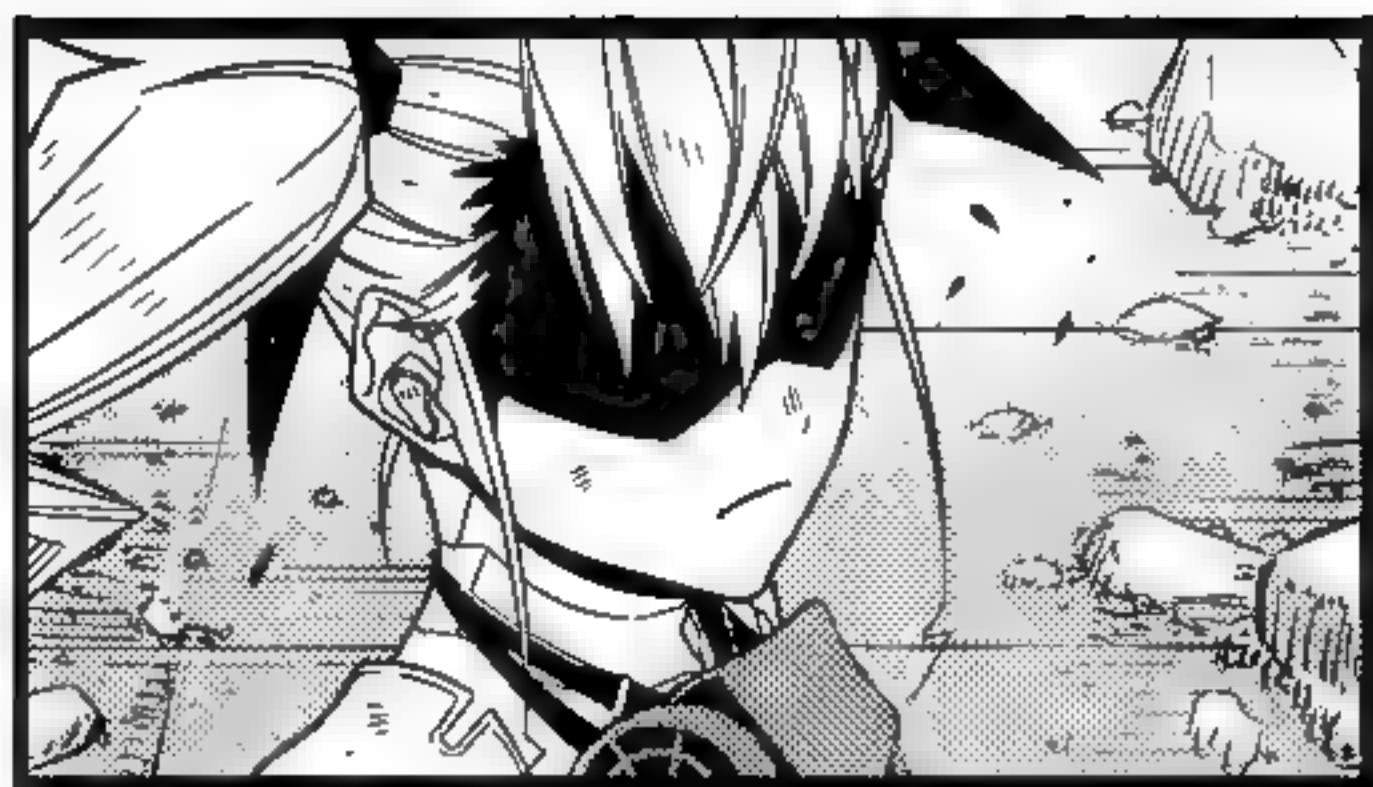
...HQ
DOESN'T
HAVE ANY
SURPLUS
TROOPS
TO DEPLOY
IN THEIR
STEAD.

EVEN IF
WE WERE
TO SEND
HASEGAWA
FOR
BACKUP...





YOU NEED
TO BEAT THAT
THING BY
YOURSELF.



...WHEN I
NEEDED IT
MOST.

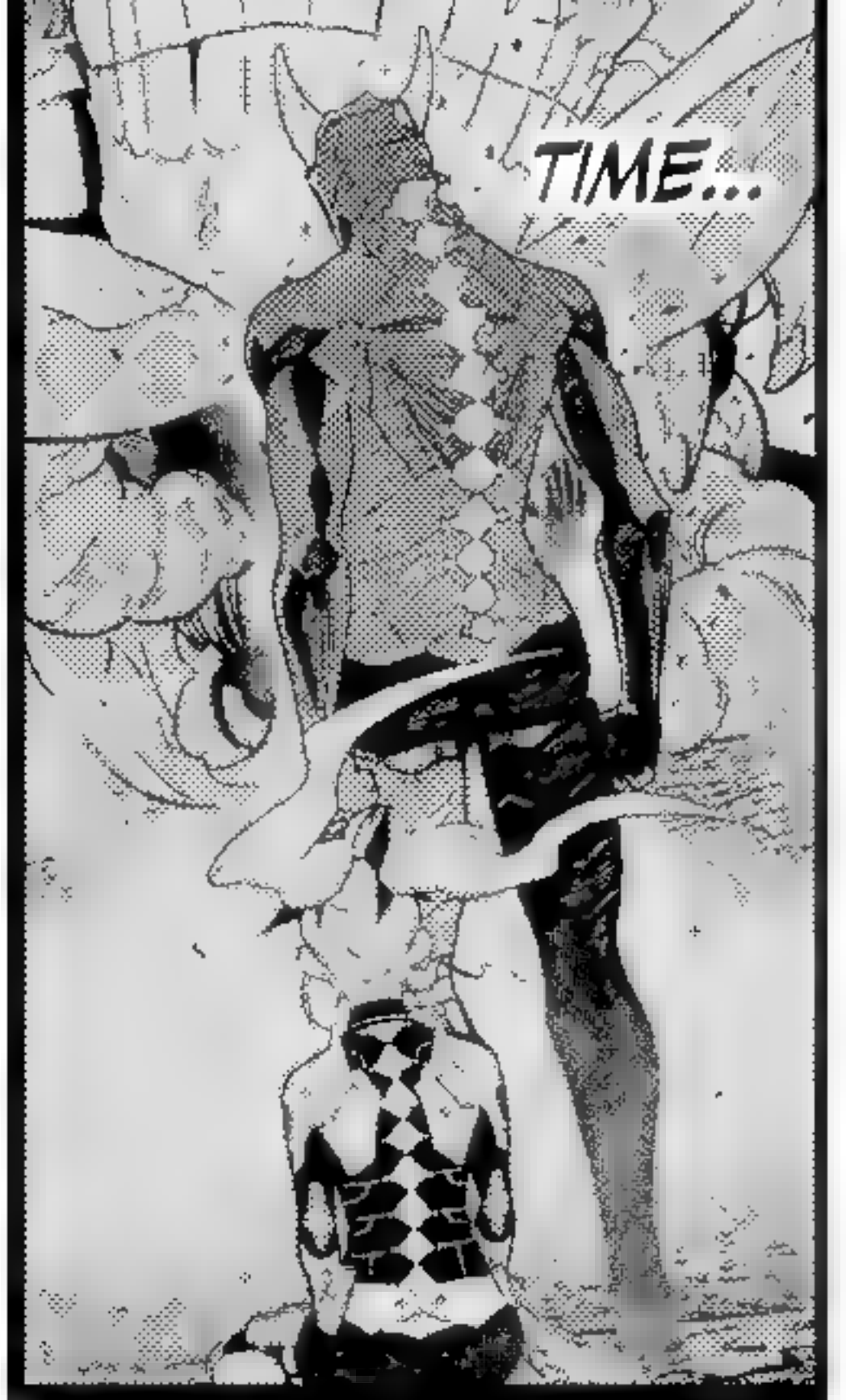
I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN BAILED
OUT OF
TROUBLE...



...AND TIME
AGAIN...



...AND
TIME...



TIME...



NEVER
ME.

...SOMEONE
ELSE HAS
ALWAYS
TAKEN DOWN
THE TRULY
POWERFUL
THREATS.



MASTER
MORON.



THAT
WAS MY
PLAN
FROM
THE
START.



**FULL
RELEASE!
UNLEASHED
COMBAT
POWER...**

**...84
PERCENT!**



**EIGHTY-
FOUR
PERCENT
?!**



CAN'T
BELIEVE
SHE'S
COME
THIS
FAR!

THAT
LEVEL'S
HIGH
ENOUGH
TO MAKE
CAPTAIN
ANY-
WHERE.



THE
REAL
FIGHT
STARTS
NOW.

LET'S
DO
THIS.



TARGET—
KAIJU
NO. 11.



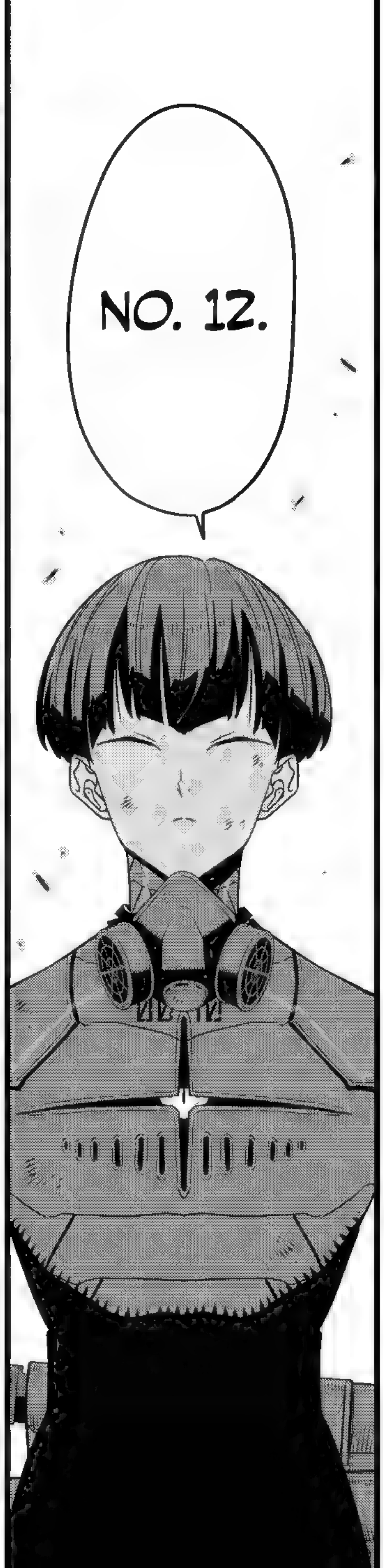
NO. 13.



NO. 14.



NO. 15.



NO. 12.



COMMENCING
NEUTRALIZATION.

KAIJU NO. 8 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Kaiju Classification

Kaiju with a fortitude of 8.0 or above are called “daikaiju” (great monsters), and those who exceed 9.0 are unconditionally referred to as “identified kaiju.” Even when they fall below 9.0, if there is a need for identification, a code name will be given. For example, a target that it takes an unusually long time to neutralize may require one.

Additionally, identification numbers only apply to kaiju that emerged after the advent of fortitude-tracking technology. Kaiju that emerged before that time are excluded, even if they caused a cataclysm of historic scale.



CHAPTER 78

KAIJU NO. 15



...IT HEAVILY
RESEMBLES
HER TOO.

IT DOESN'T
JUST KNOW
OFFICER
SHINOMIYA...

"I
FOUND
YOU!"

KASUMIGASEKI
AREA,
COME IN!

WHAT
IN THE
WORLD
IS GOING
ON?



NOW
ORGA-
NIZING
SPECIAL
UNIT
TYPE 2!

...COMMAND
OF THE
KASUMIGASEKI
AREA HAS
BEEN SHIFTED
TO OFFICER
SHINOMIYA!!

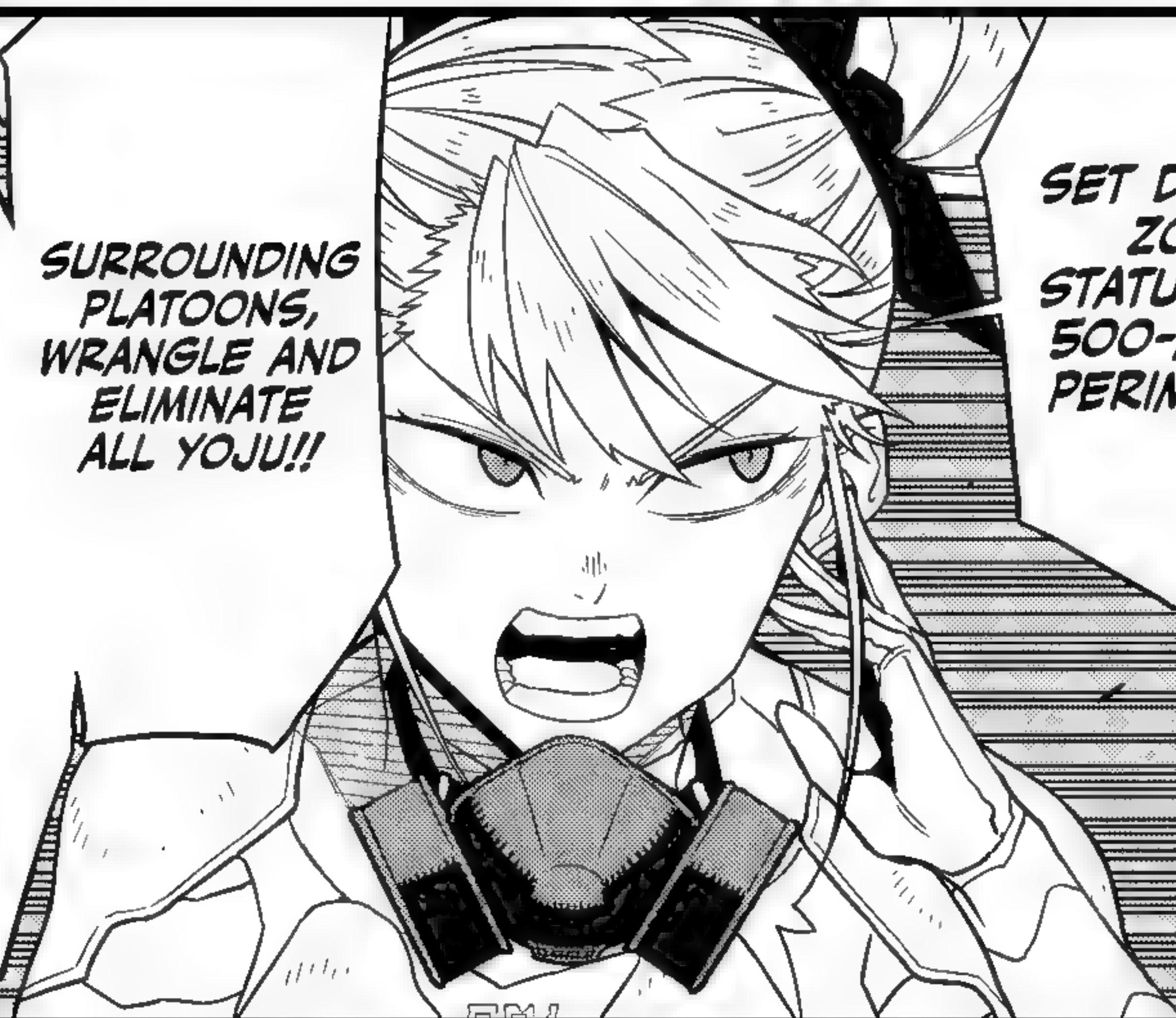
AS OF THIS
MOMENT...



BE SURE
NOT TO
APPROACH
THE
DANGER
ZONE!!

SURROUNDING
PLATOONS,
WRANGLE AND
ELIMINATE
ALL YOJU!!

SET DANGER
ZONE
STATUS TO A
500-METER
PERIMETER!



GRIP



ROGER!!





...AND
KAFKA
HIBINO
AREN'T
HERE.

CAPTAIN
ASHIRO;
MASTER
MORON...

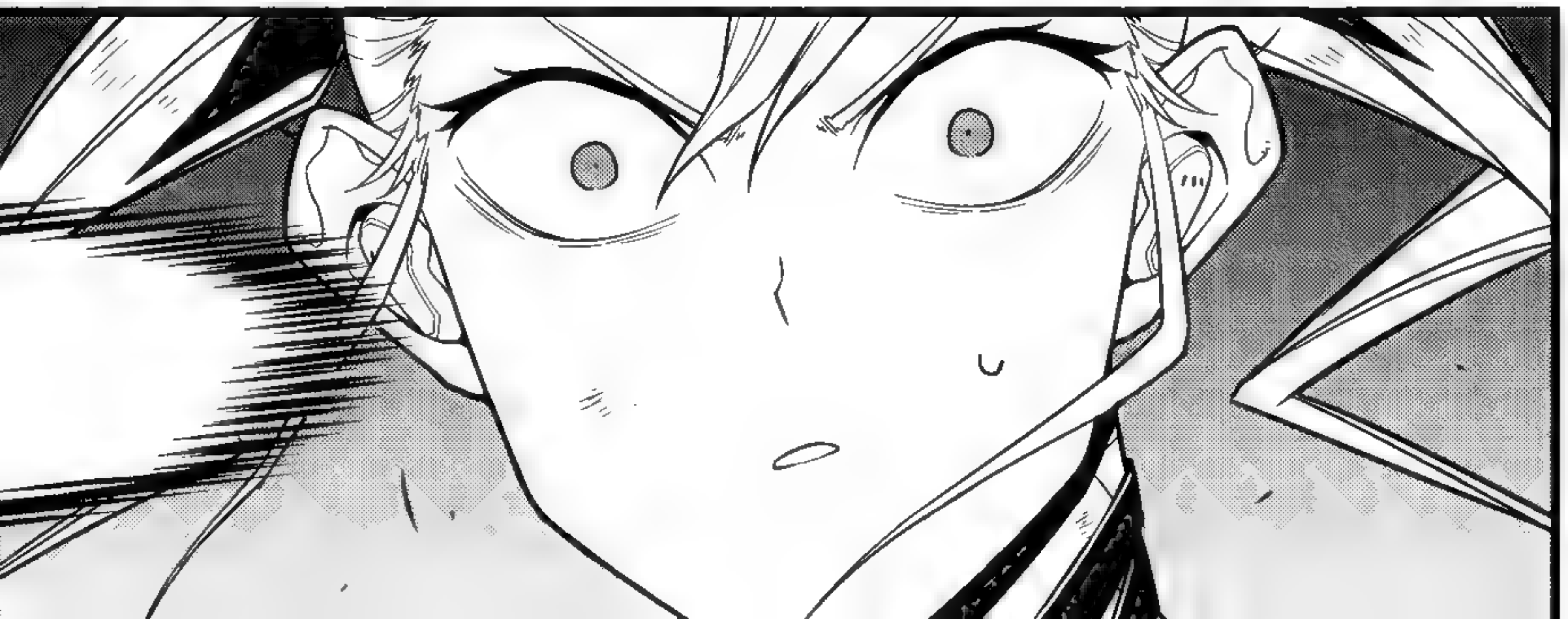


I HAVE TO
SUCCEED,
NO MATTER
WHAT.



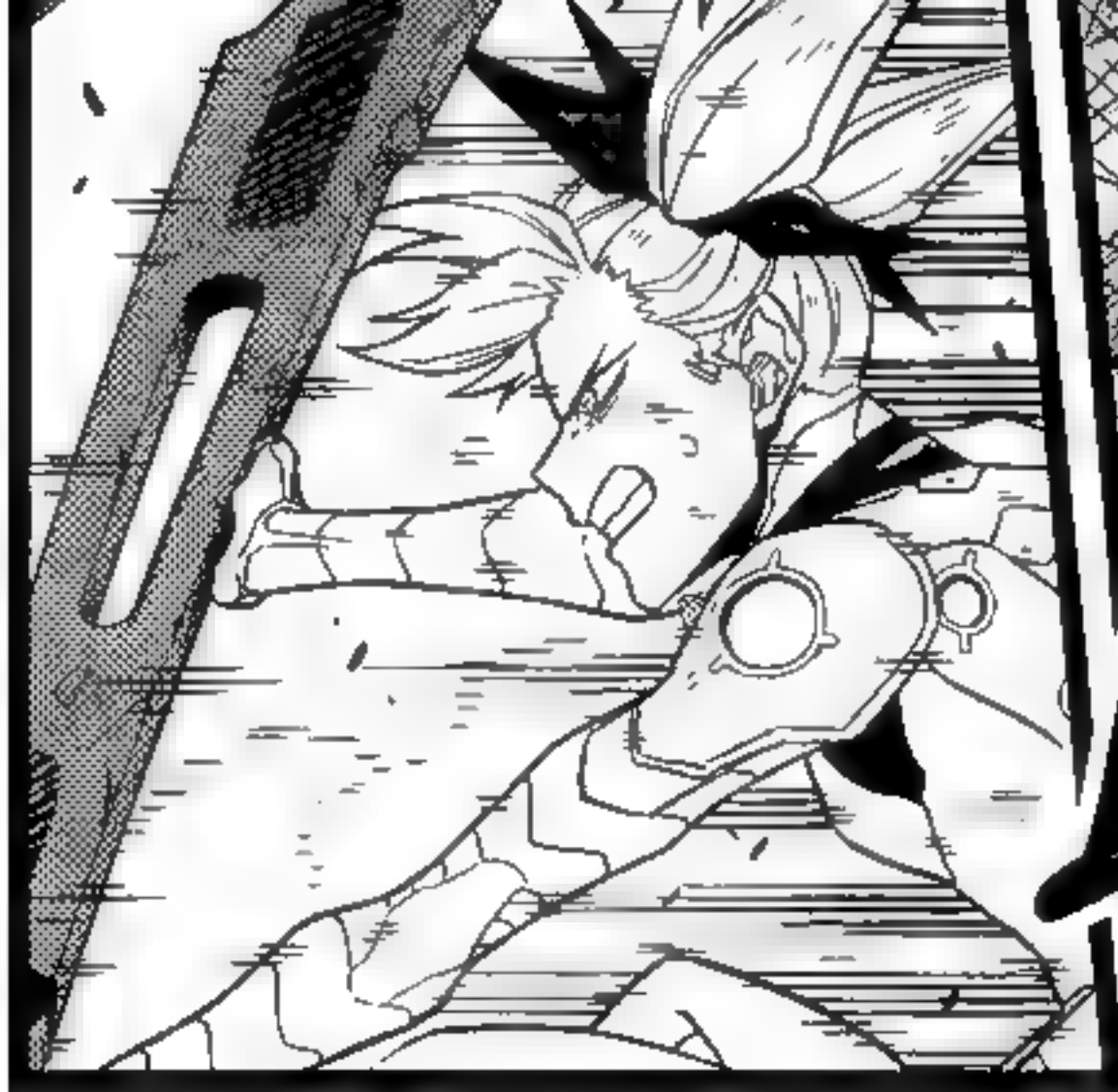
COMMENCING
NEUTRALIZA-
TION...

...OF KAIJU
NO. 15.





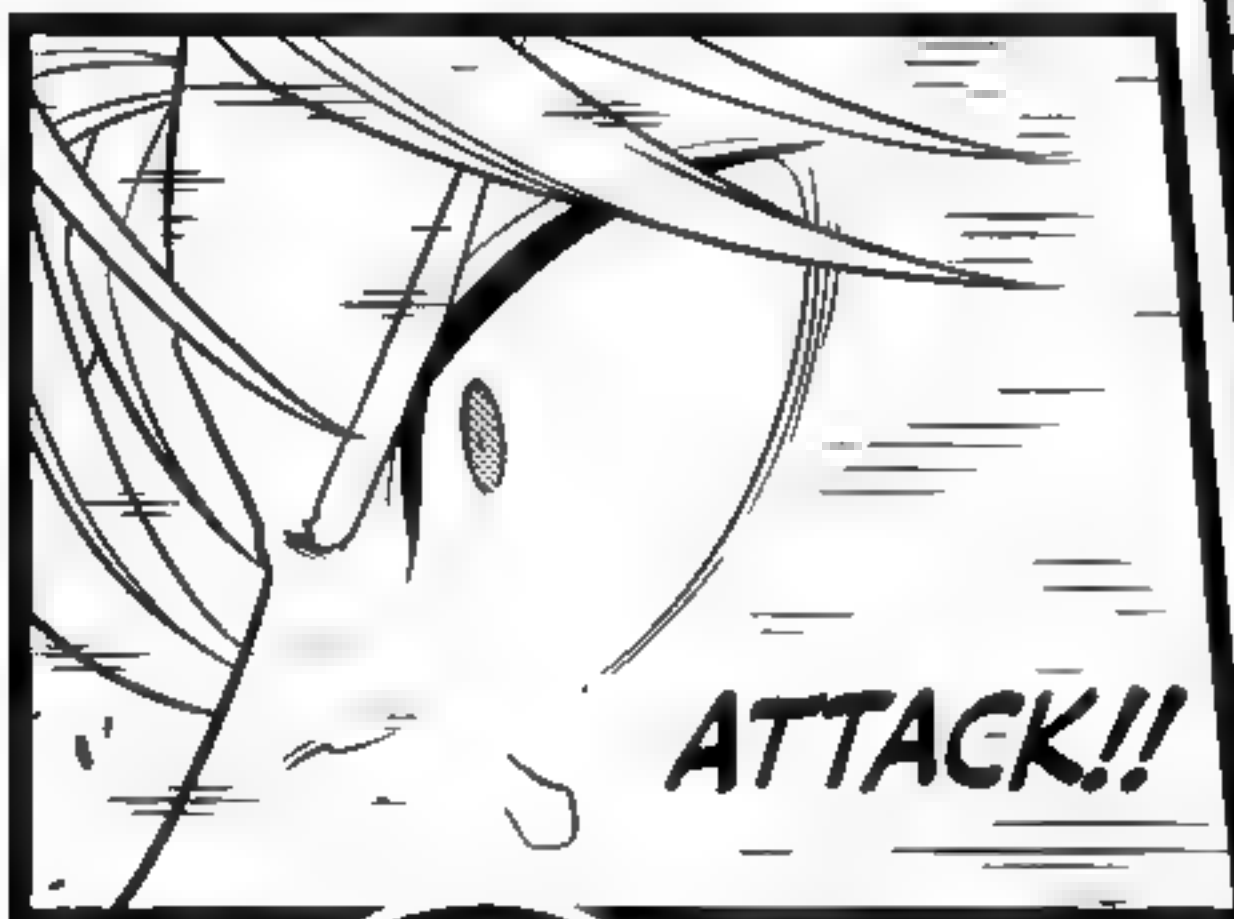




BA

A

A



ATTACK!!

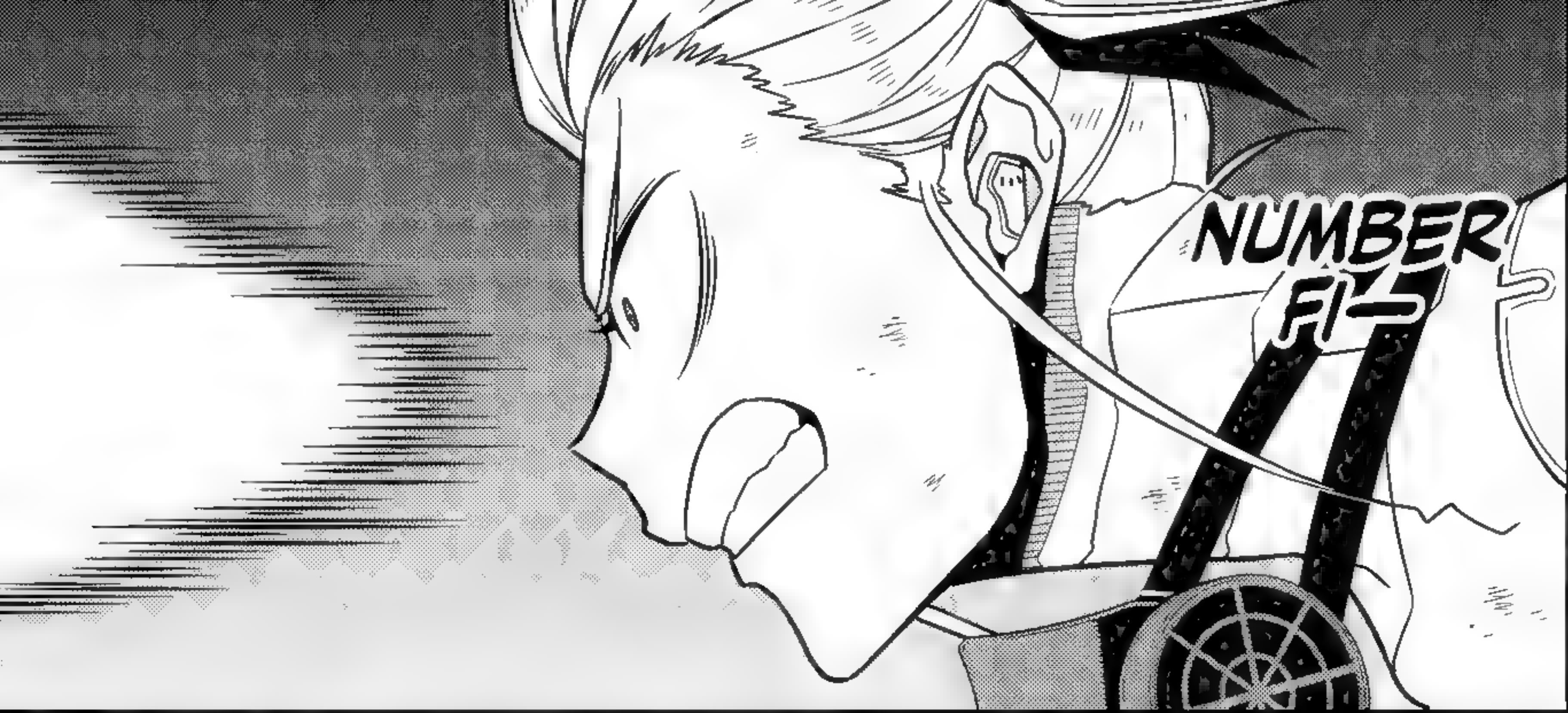


**NUMBER
FOUR!**

**NUMBER
TWO!**

**NUMBER
THREE!**

**NUMBER
ONE!**



**NUMBER
F1-**



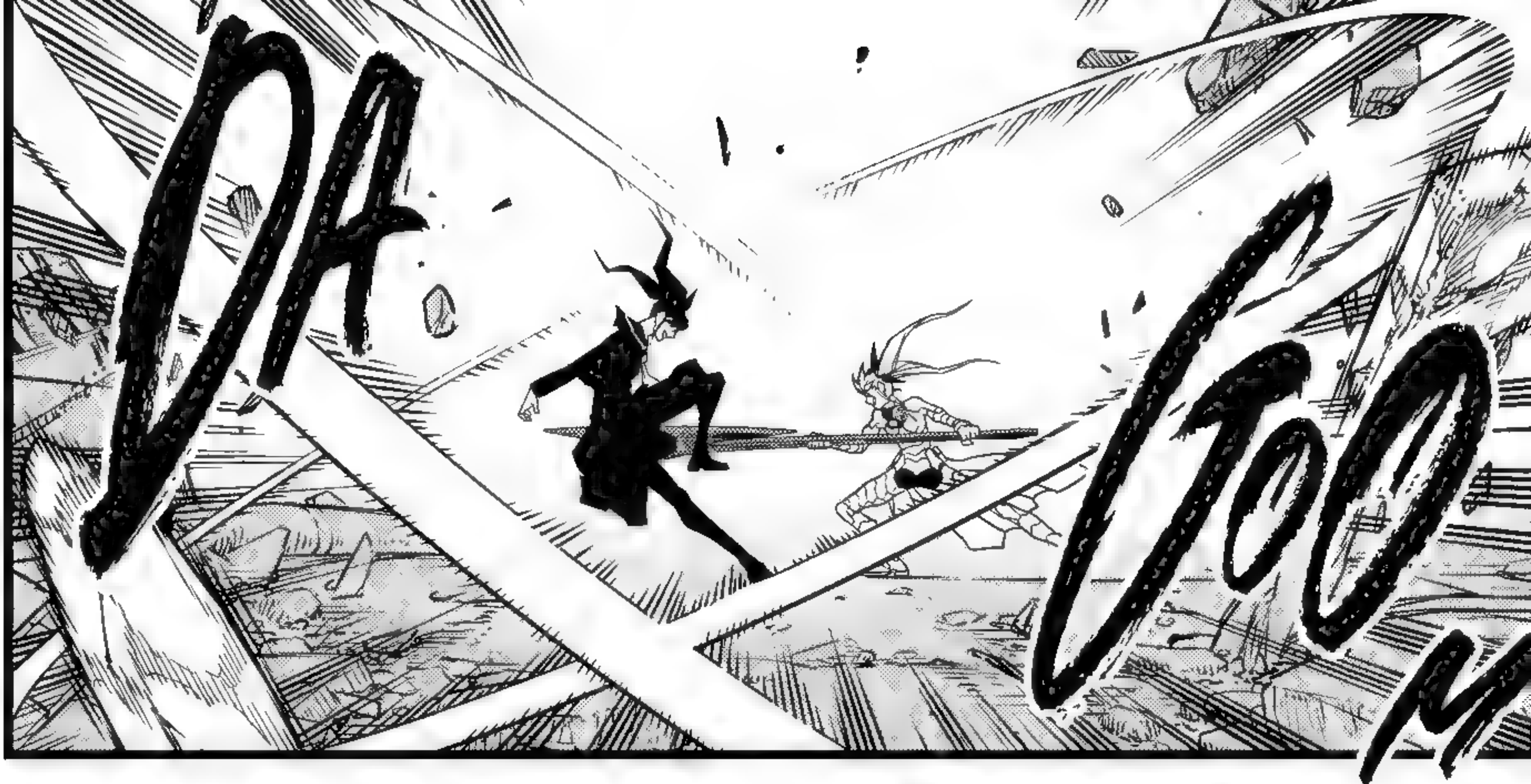
**I'M
SCARED.**

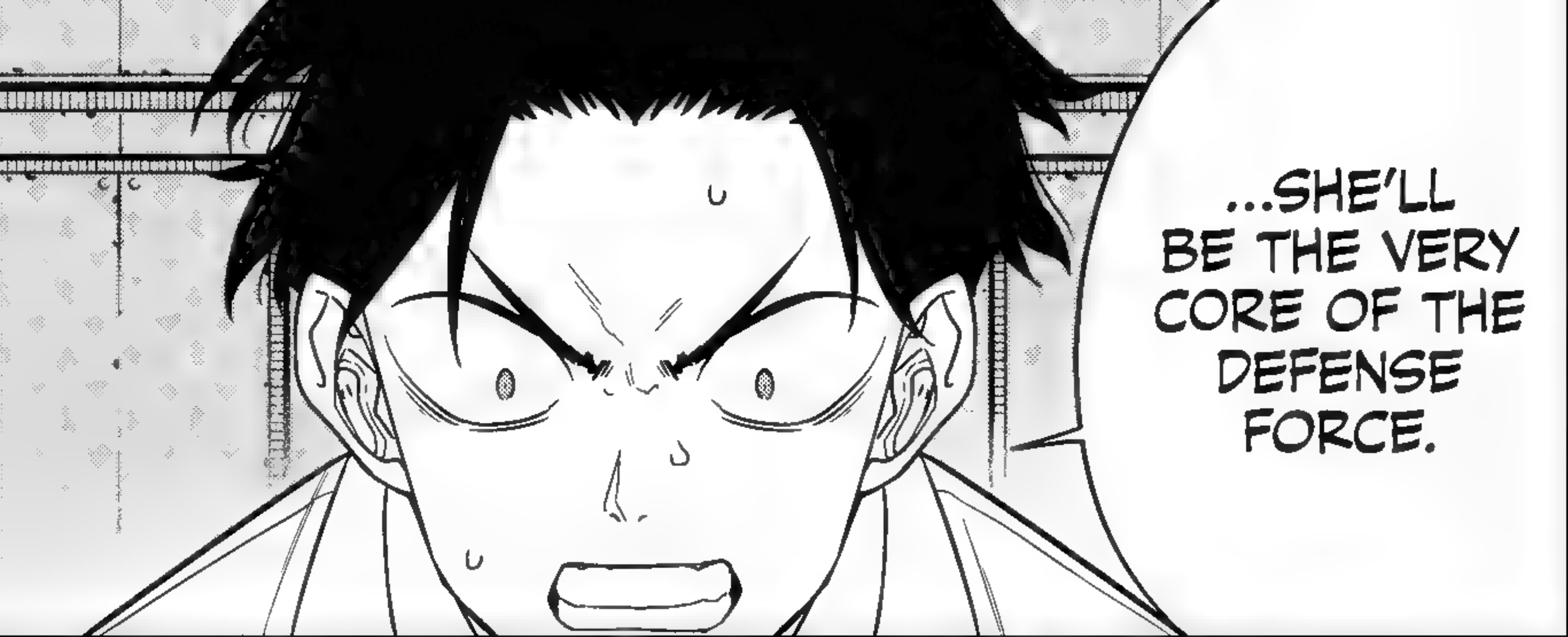
**A SINGLE
MISTAKE
COULD BE
FATAL.**

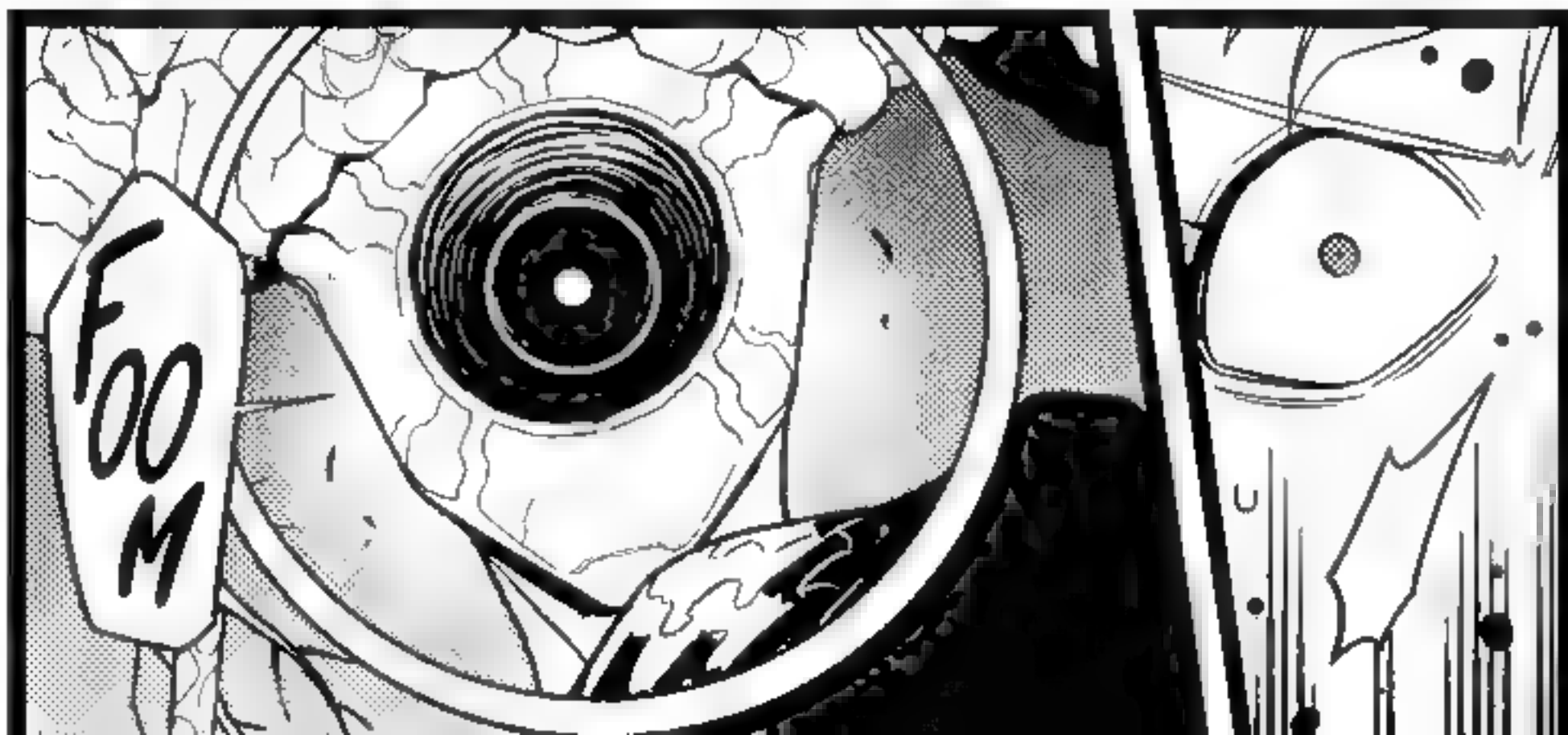
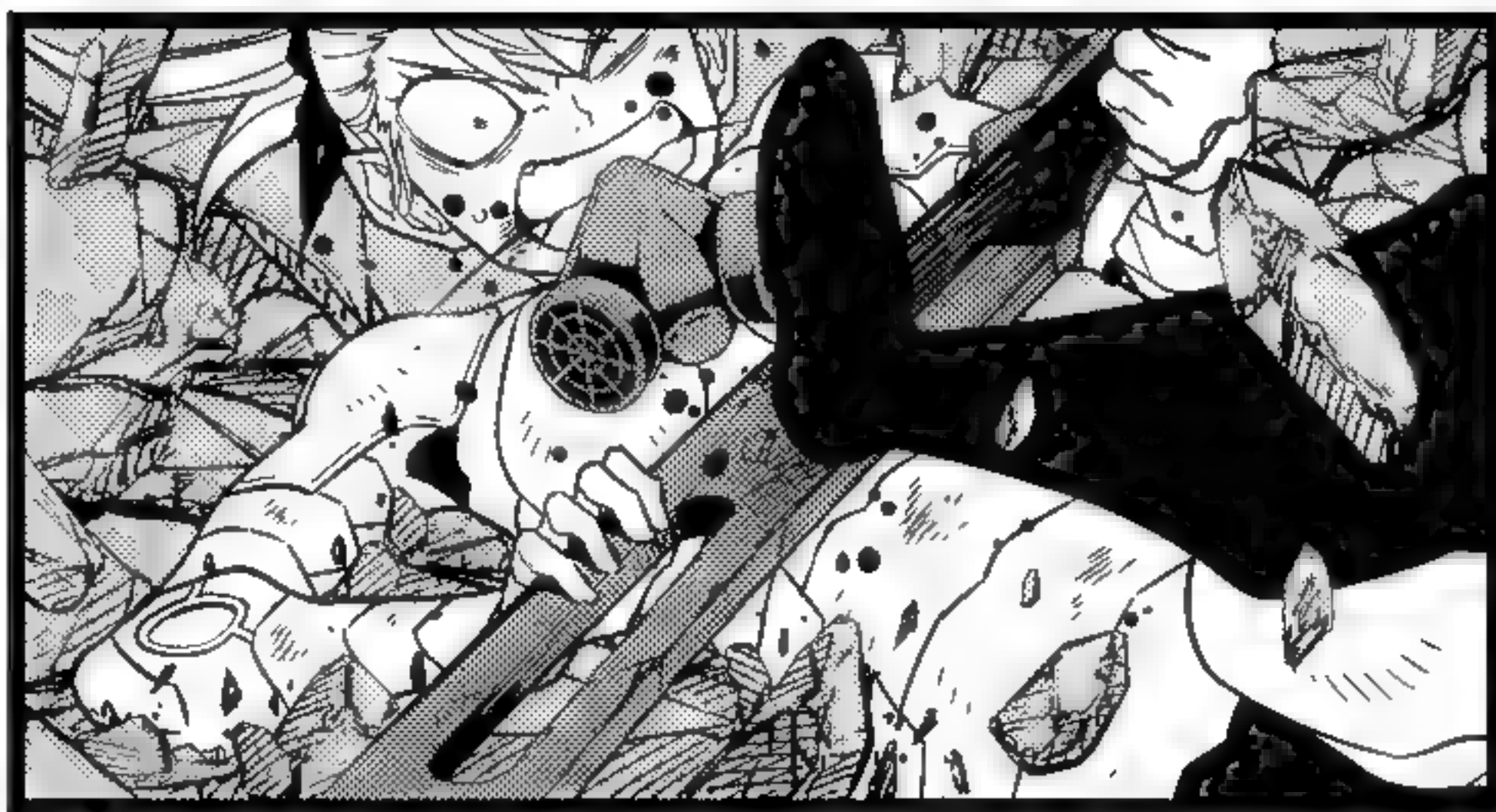
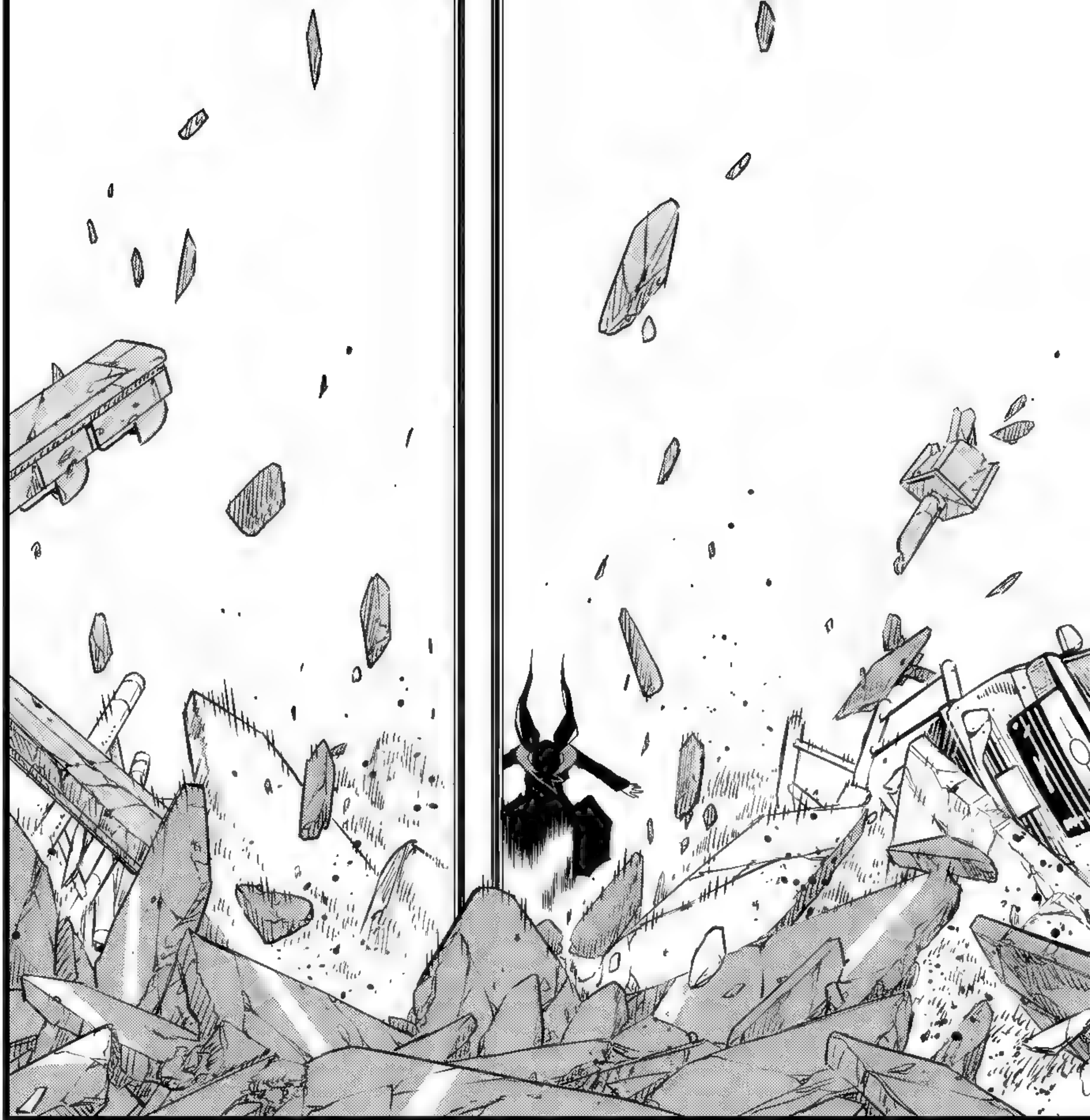


**BUT I
HAVE TO
BEAR IT...**

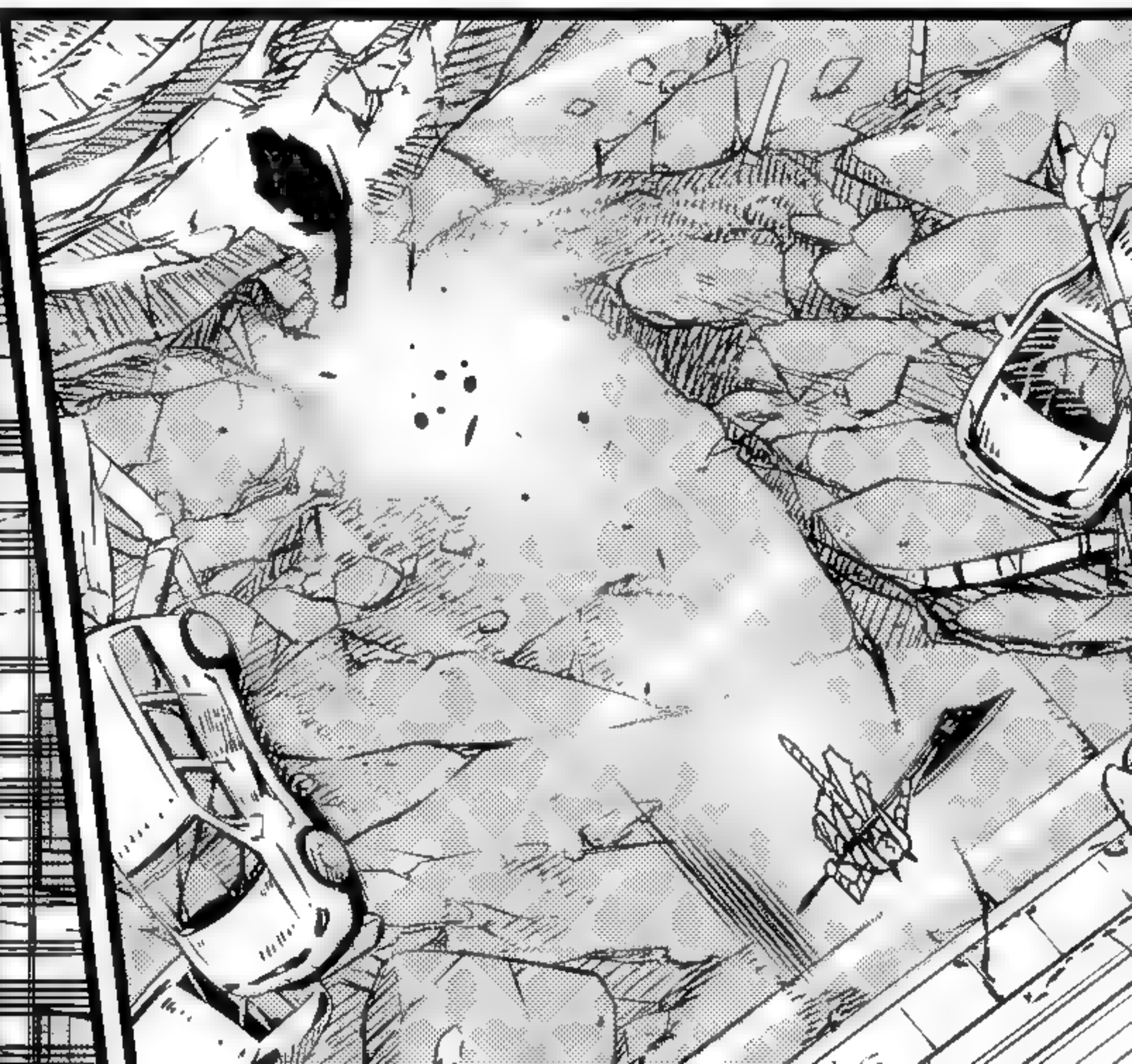
**...AND
PRESS
ON!!**

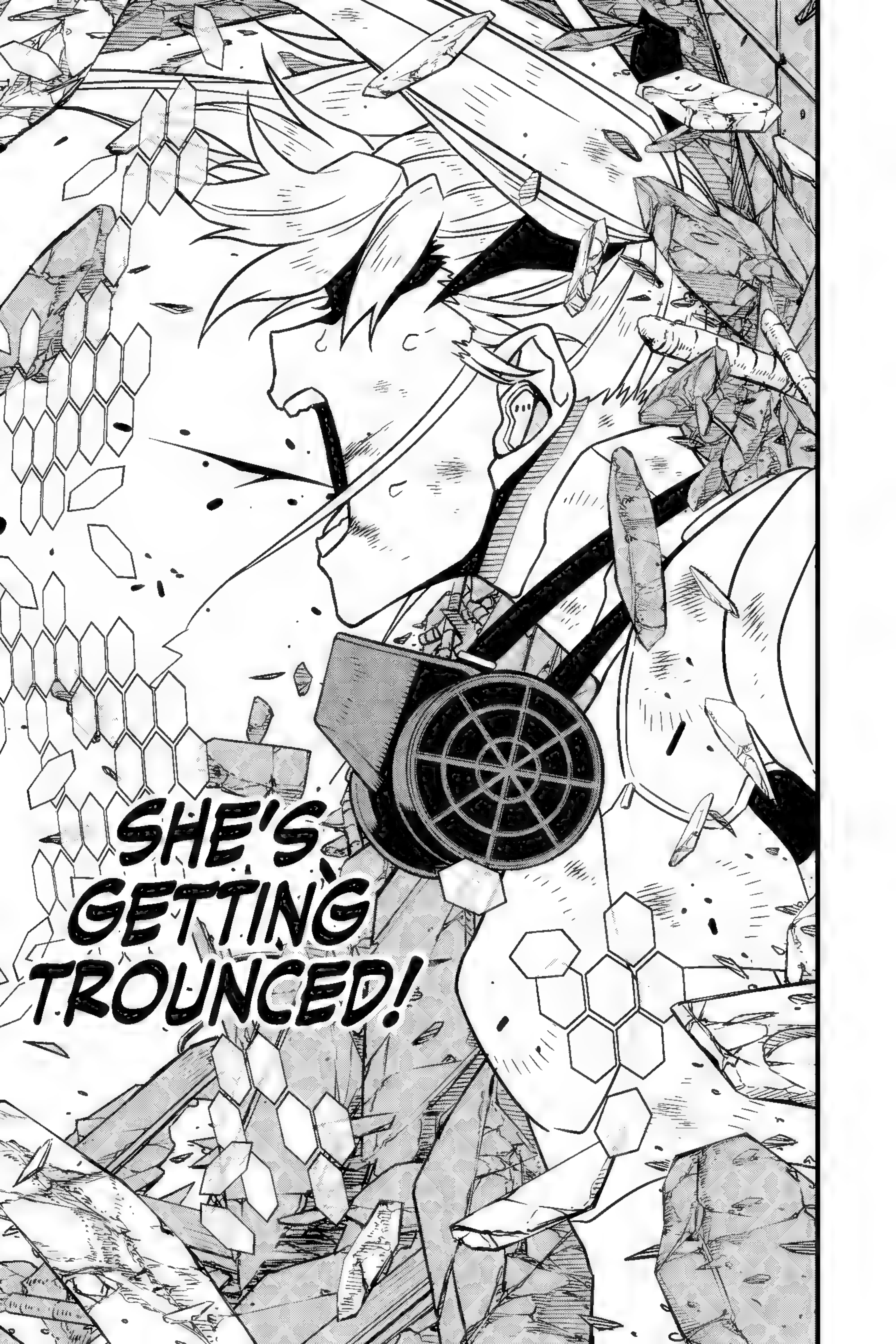




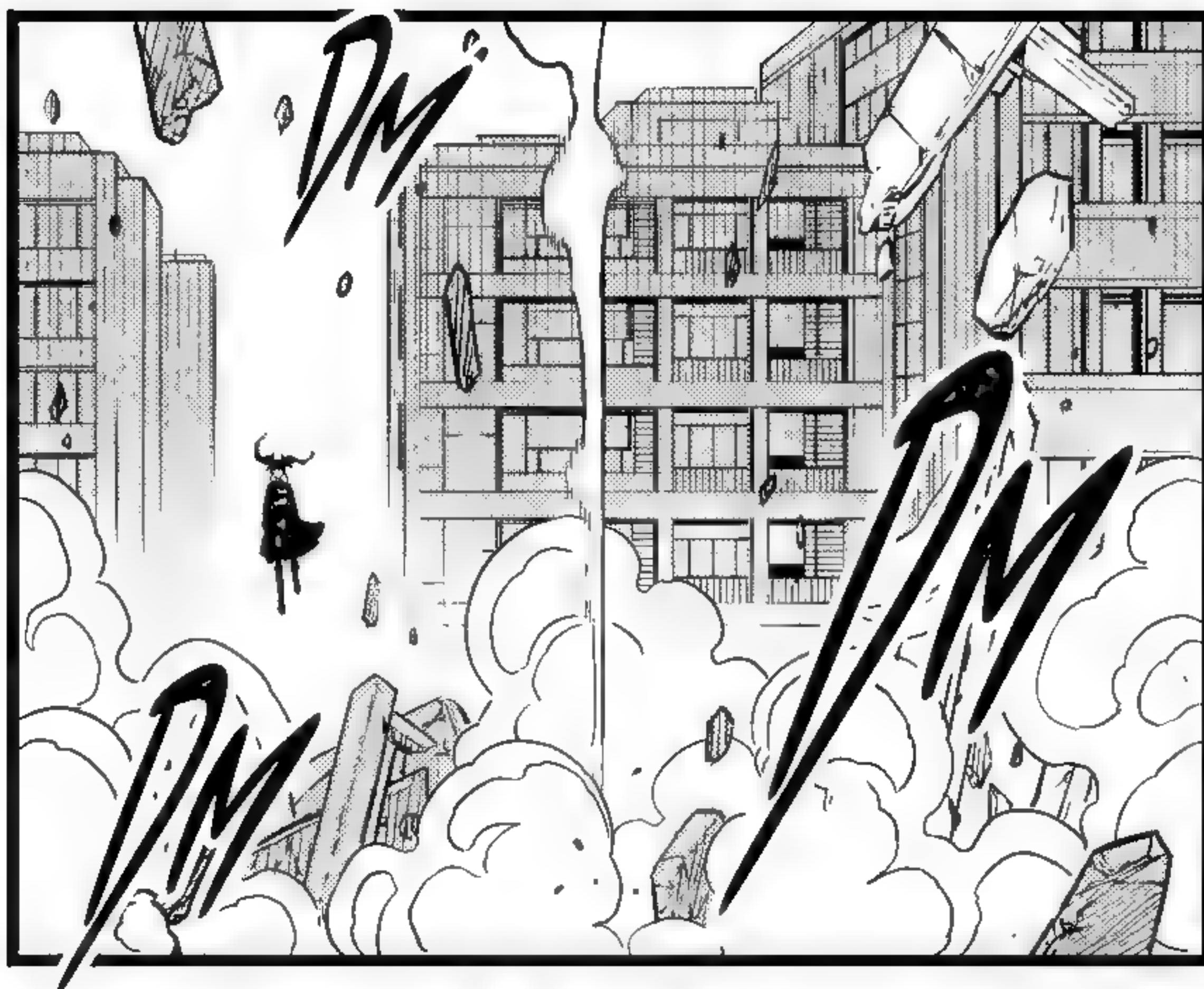








**SHE'S
GETTING
TROUNCED!**



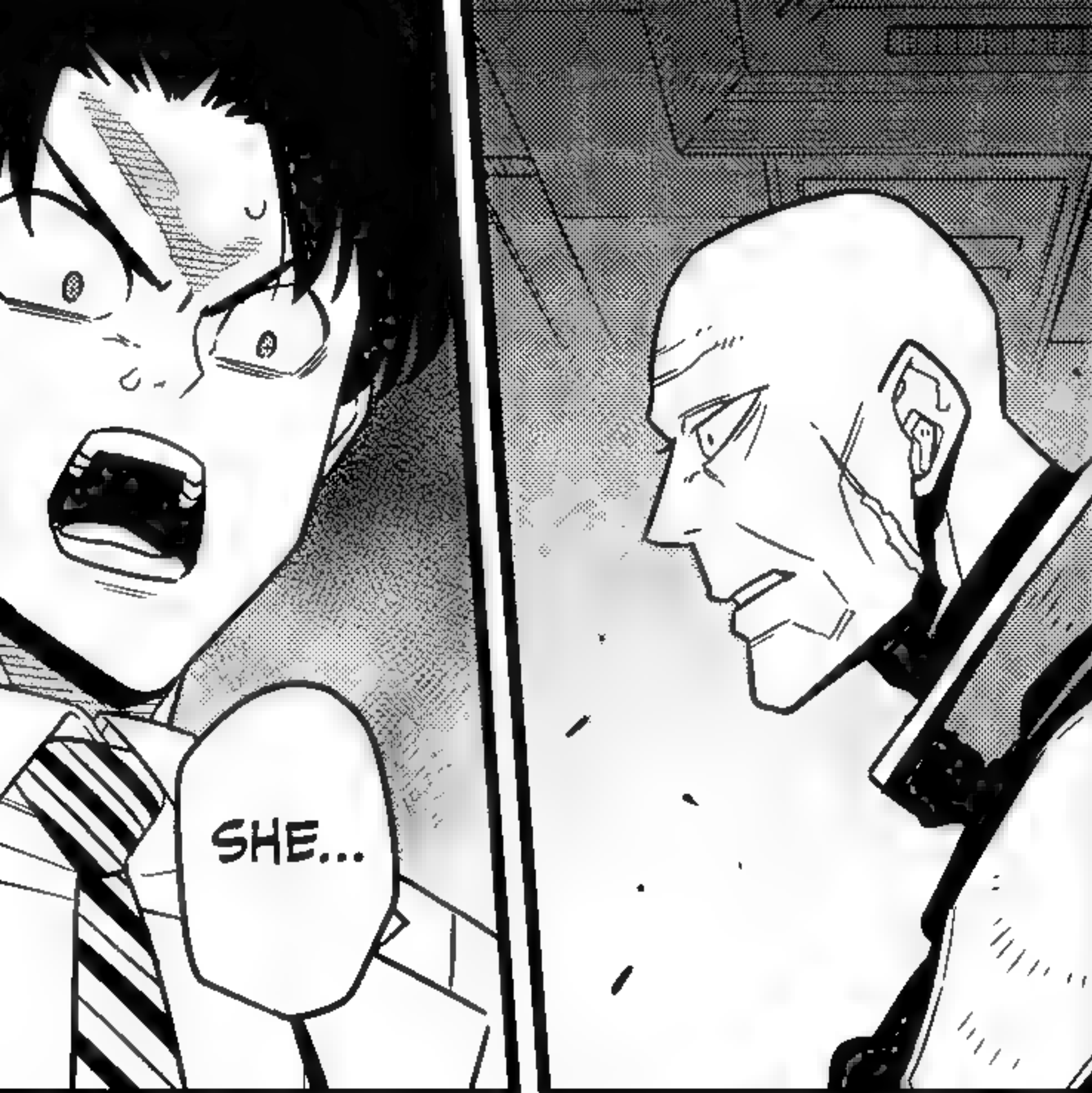
IT'S
USELESS,
LITTLE
KIKORU.

GRP



EVEN WITH
THAT PUNY
AXE OF
YOURS...





SHE...

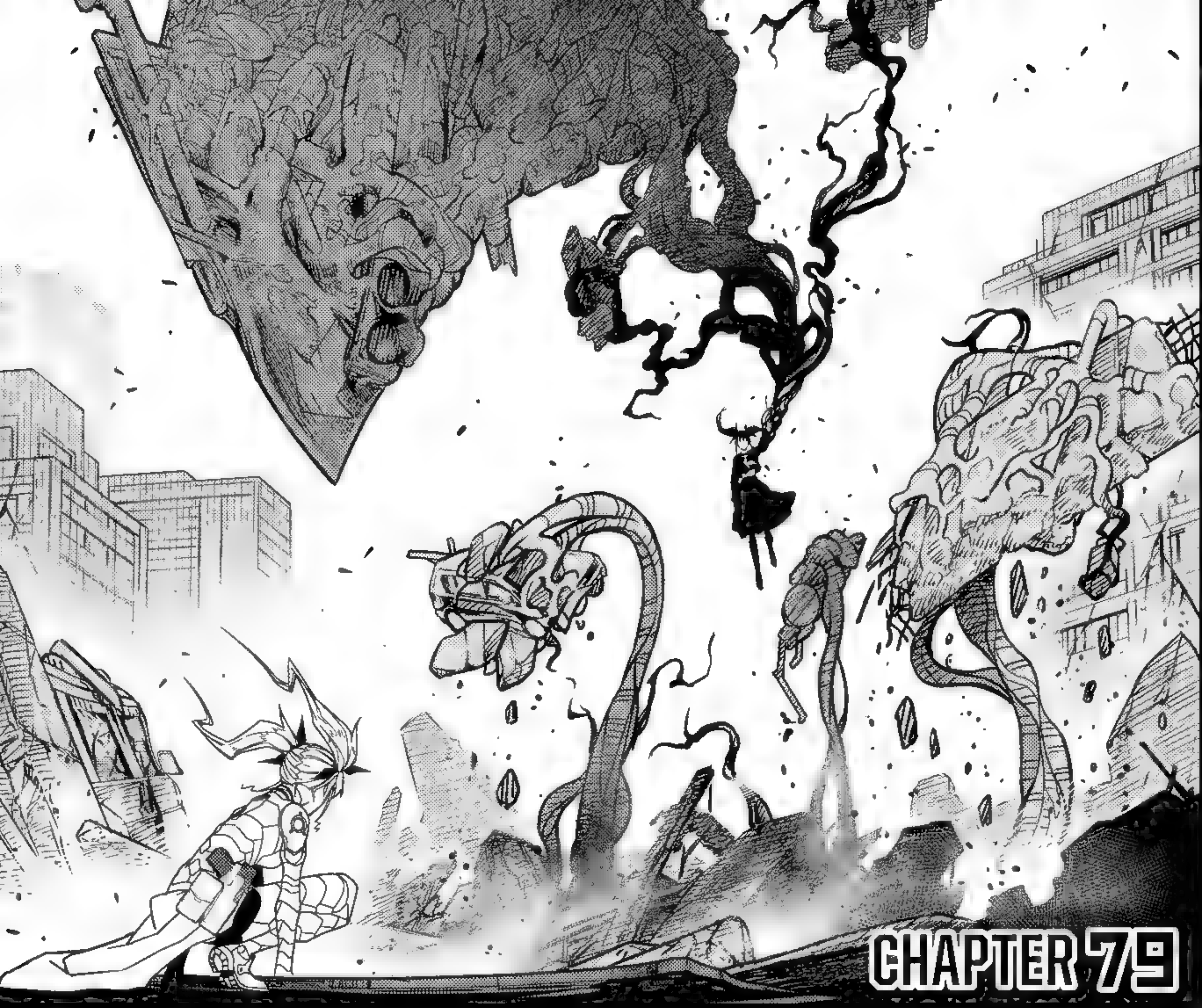


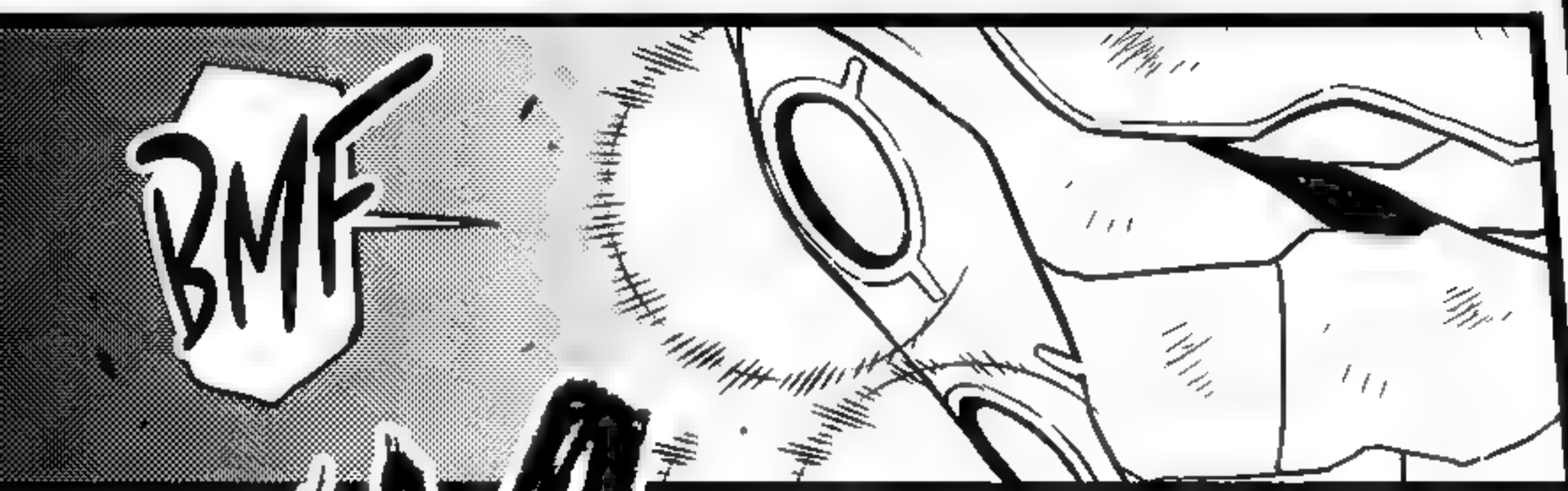
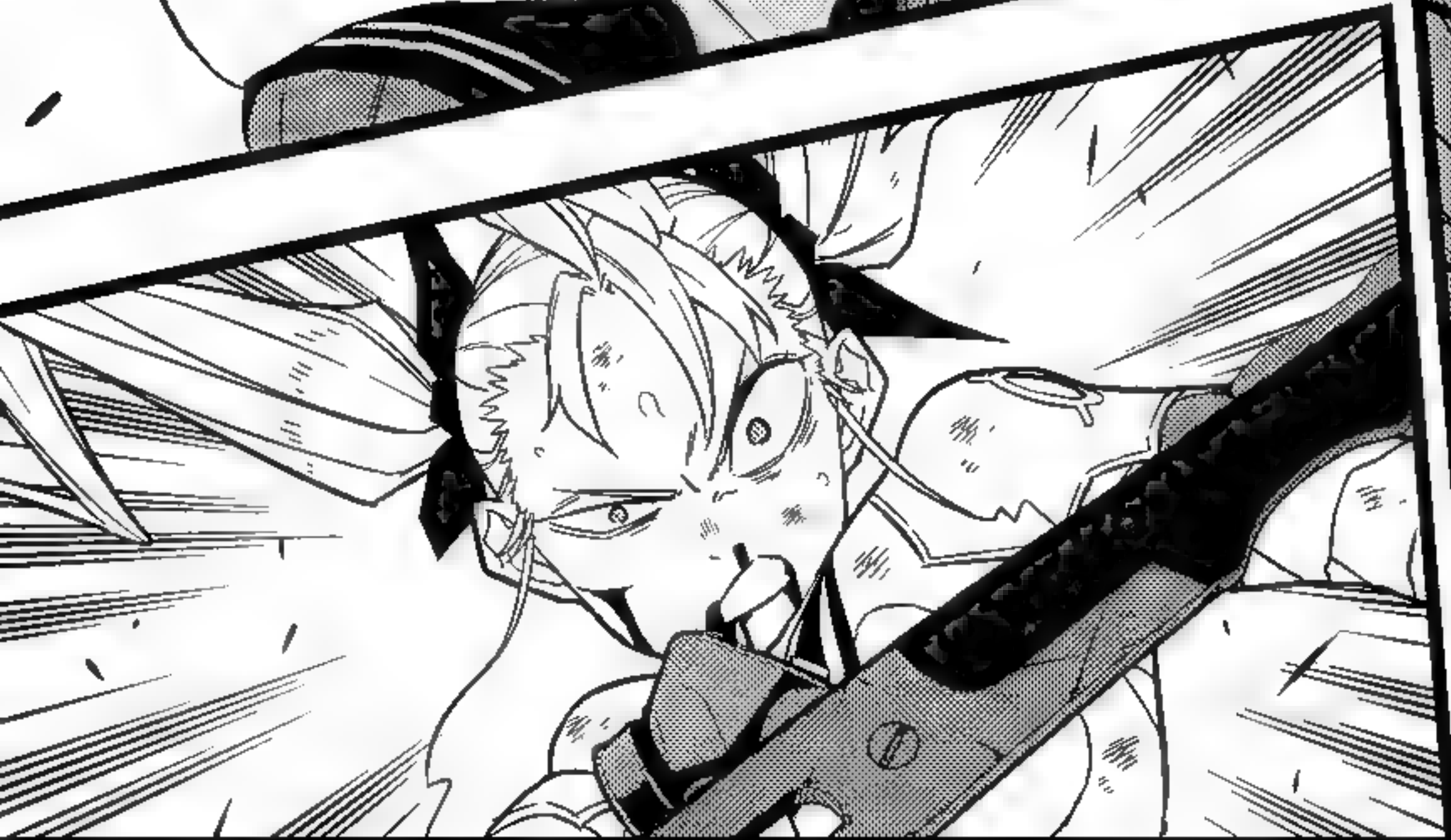
**SHE
CAN'T
WIN
THIS!**

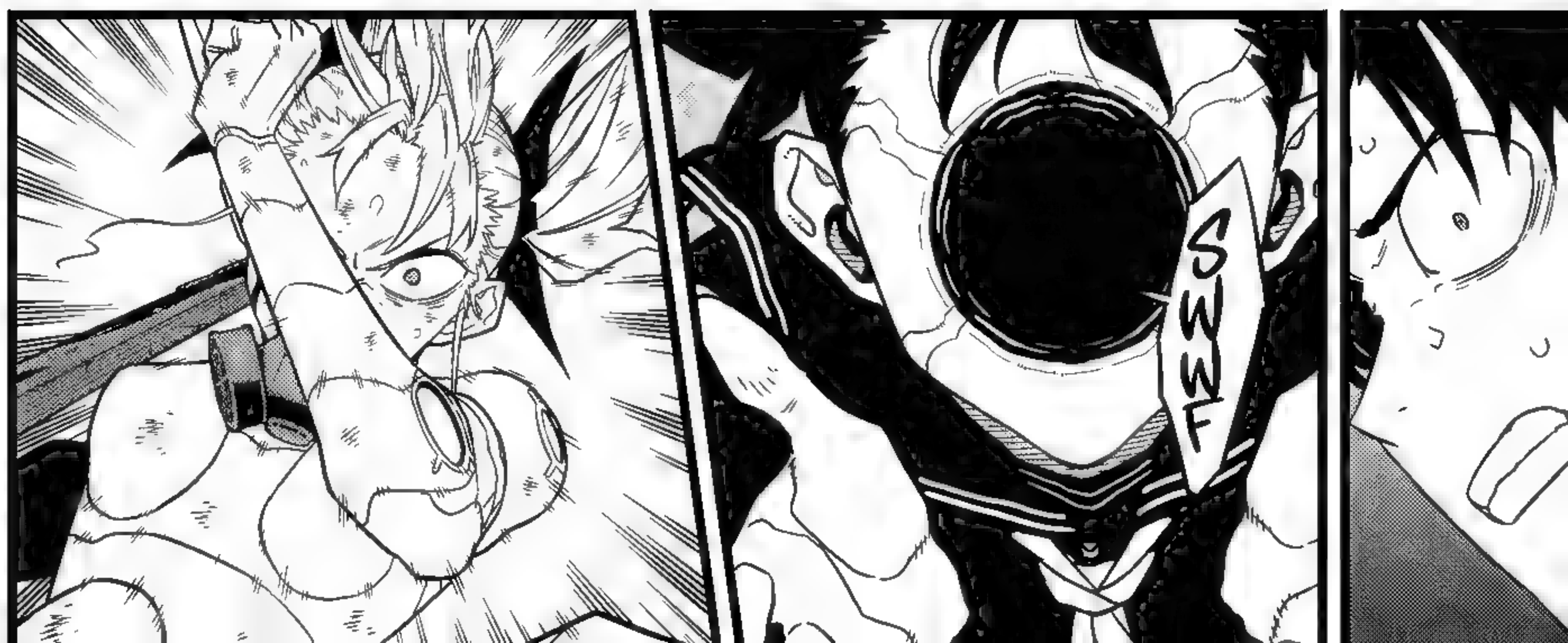


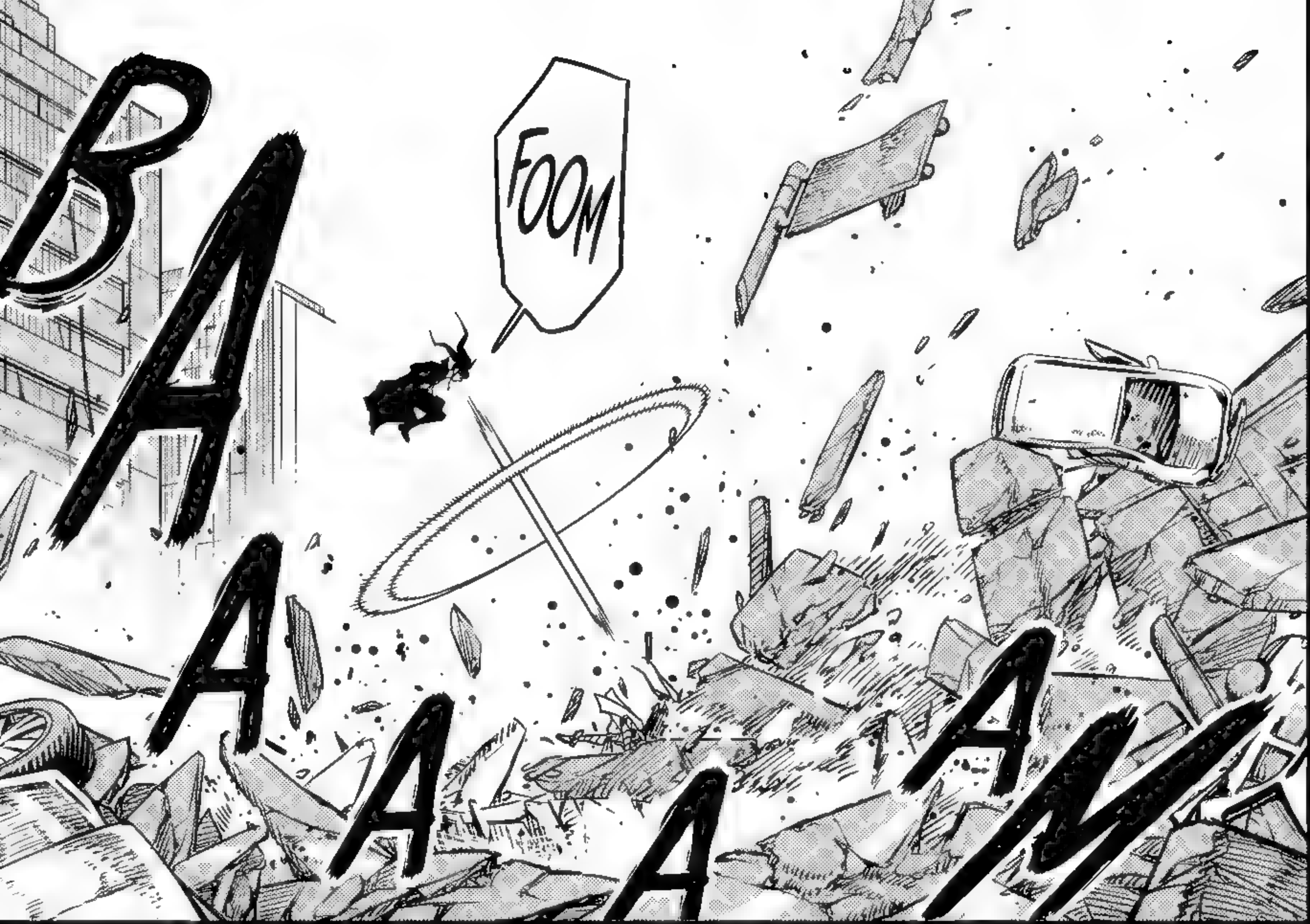
...YOU'LL
NEVER
PUT A
SCRATCH
ON ME.

KAIJU no.8











EMERGENCY
TREATMENT
VIA THE
SUIT ISN'T
SUFFICING
!!

RIGHT LEG
AND LEFT
FLANK
ARMOR
DAMAGED!!

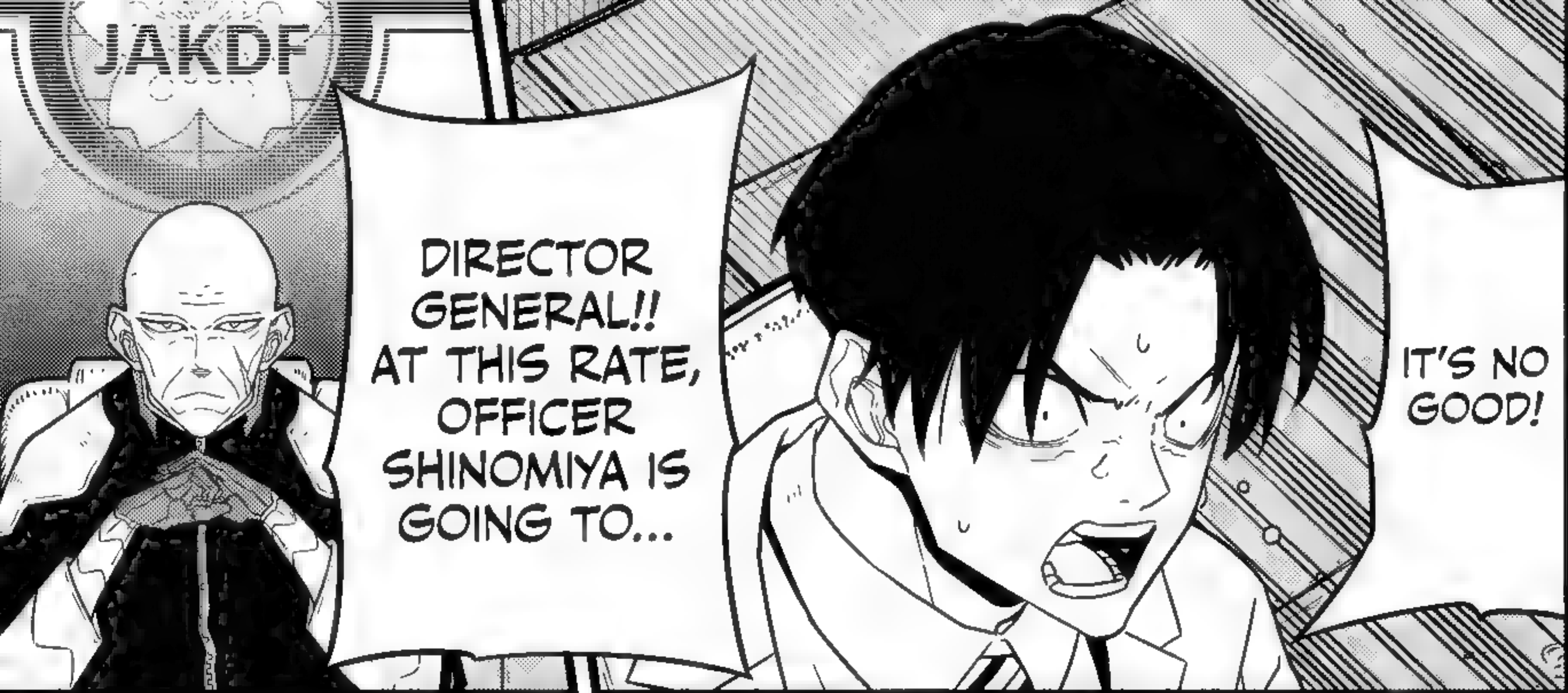
FRACTURES
TO RIBS
AND ARMS...
HEMOR-
RHAGING IS
SPREADING!!



IT'S
BREACHING
NUMBERS
WEAPON 4'S
SHIELD AT MAX
LEVEL LIKE IT'S
NOTHING!!

G
RIT

DAMMIT!
WE CAN'T
KEEP UP!



DIRECTOR
GENERAL!!
AT THIS RATE,
OFFICER
SHINOMIYA IS
GOING TO...

IT'S NO
GOOD!



WE HAVE
NO OTHER
OPTION. LOWER
HEADQUARTERS'
DEFENSE LEVEL
BY TWO DEGREES
AND SEND
REINFORCEME—

WE CAN'T
AFFORD
TO LOSE
OUR
FUTURE
LINGHPIN
HERE.



?!

WAIT,
PLEASE.

KSH
KSH



...WOULDN'T
HESITATE TO
CAPITALIZE
ON A CRACK
IN OUR
DEFENSES.

NO. 9...



I'LL
BEAT
THIS
THING.

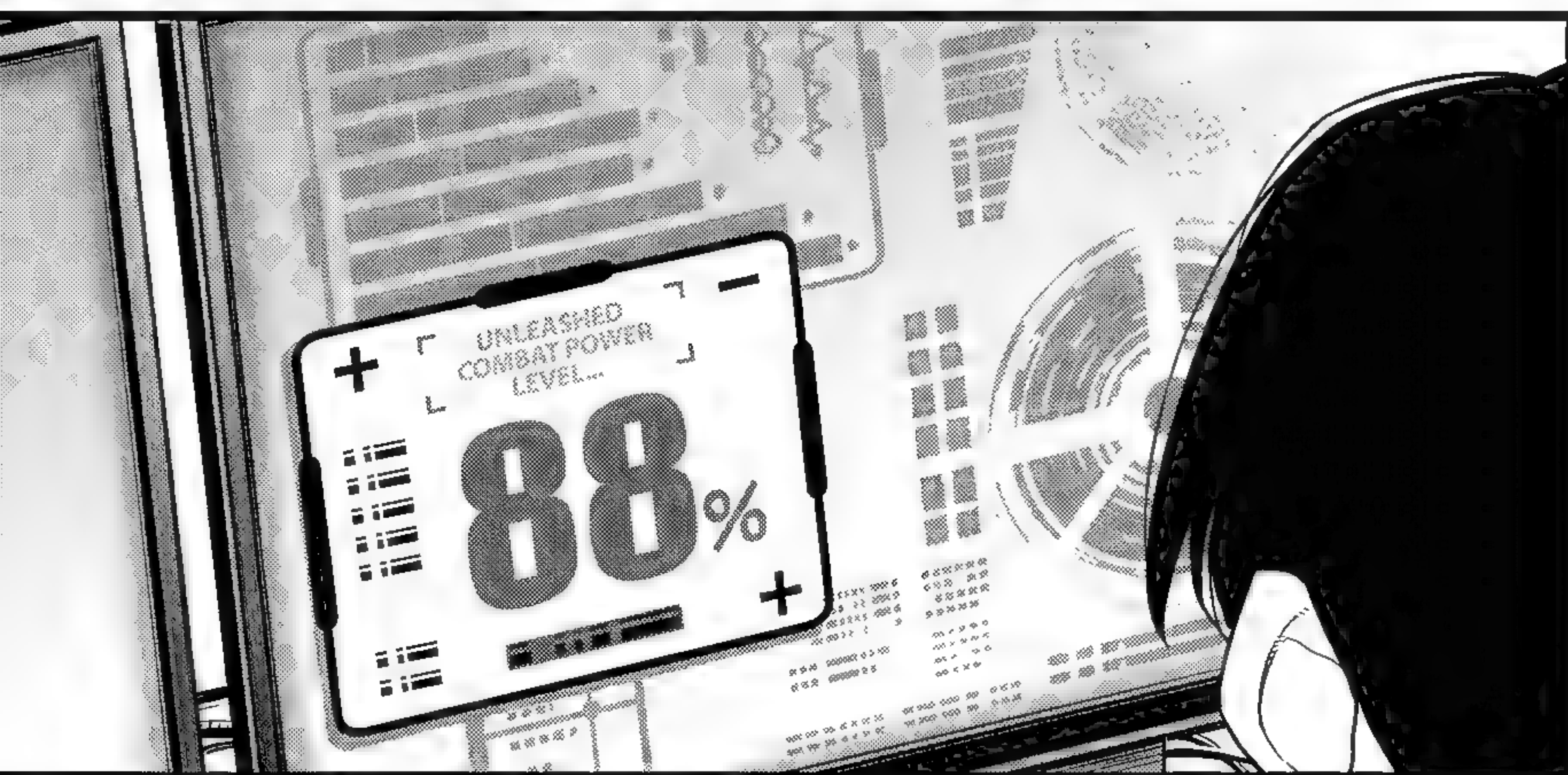
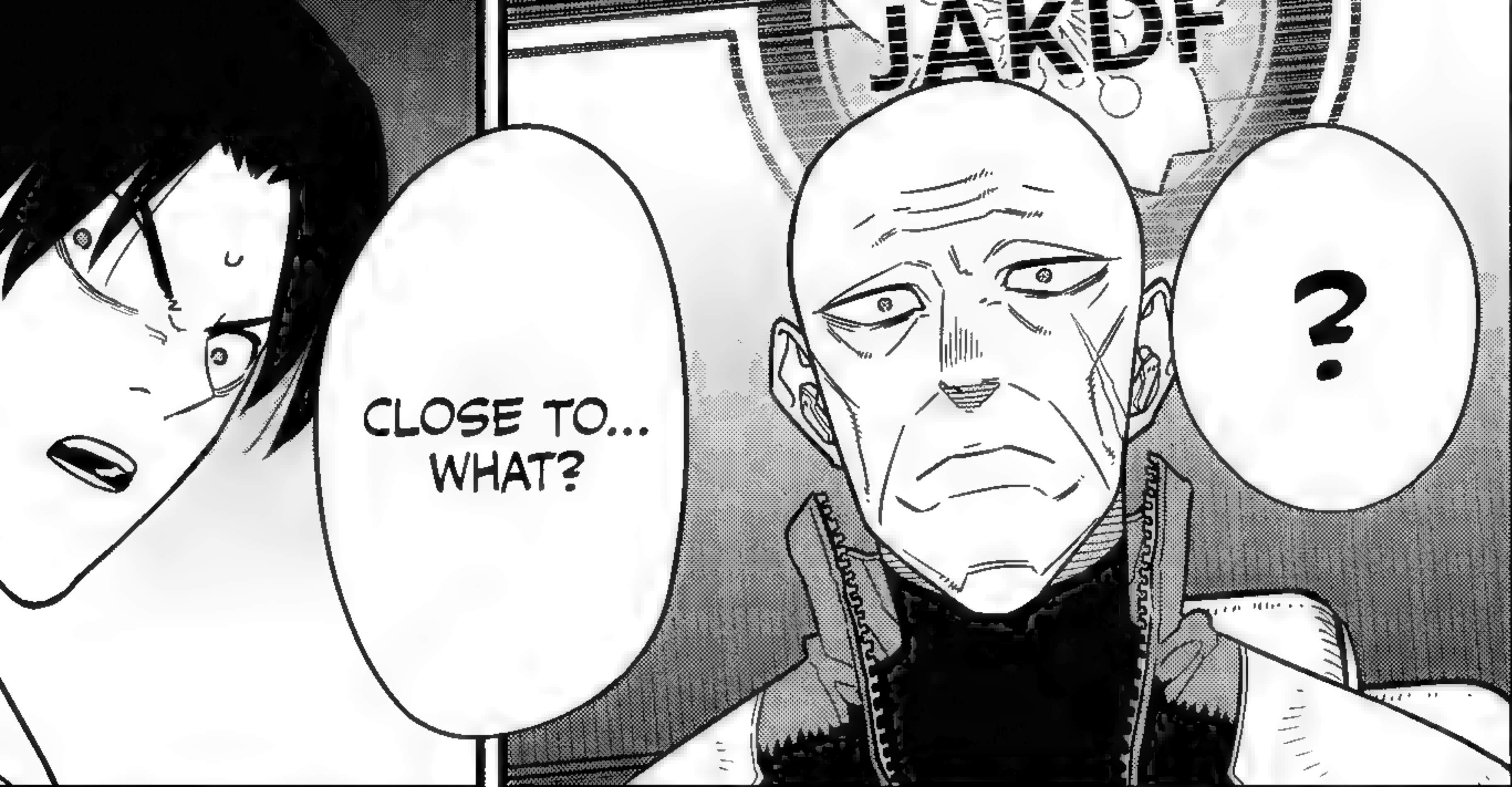


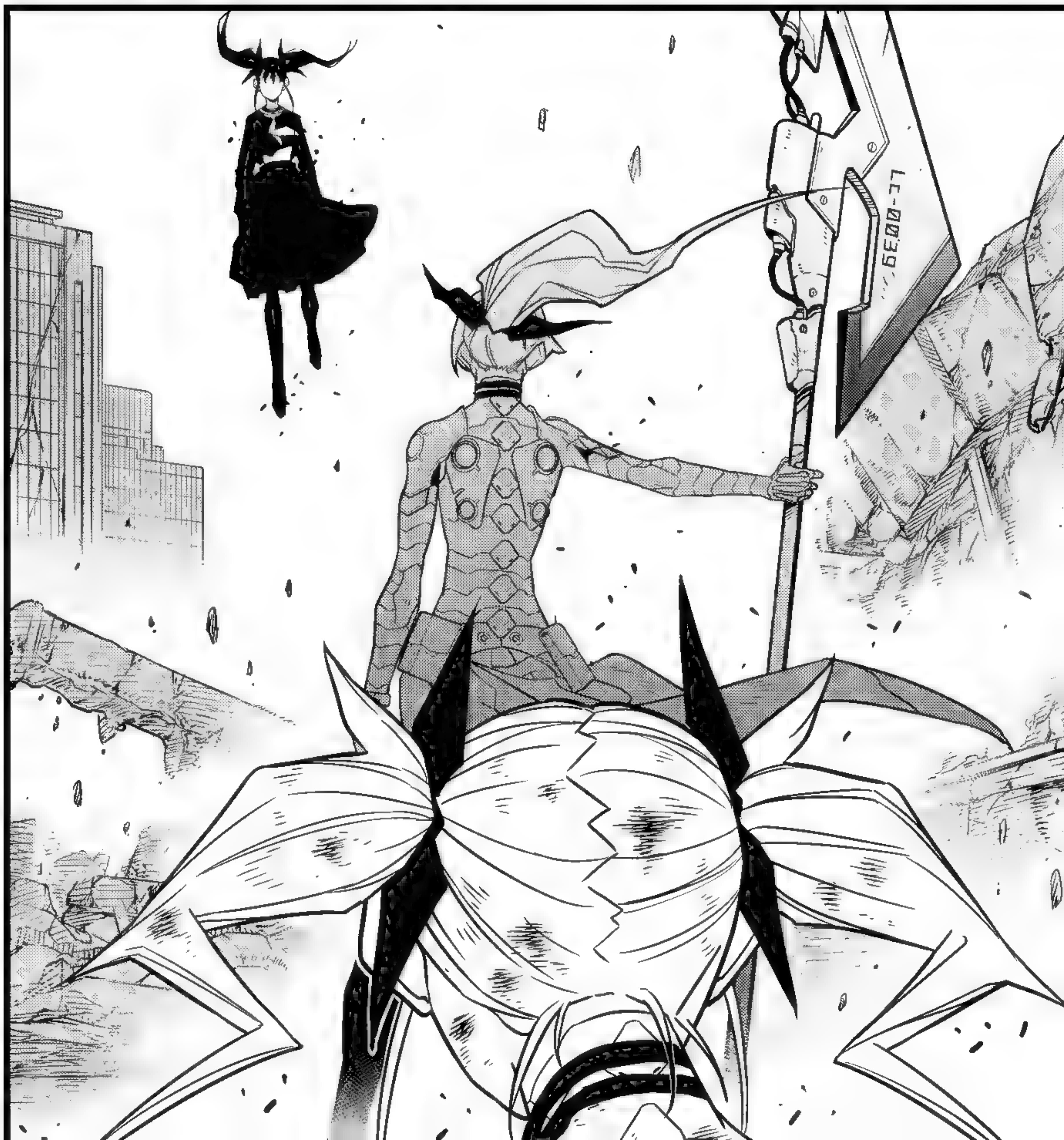
I'M SO
CLOSE.



B...

BUT,
OFFICER
SHINOMIYA...







NO,
DON'T
TELL
ME...



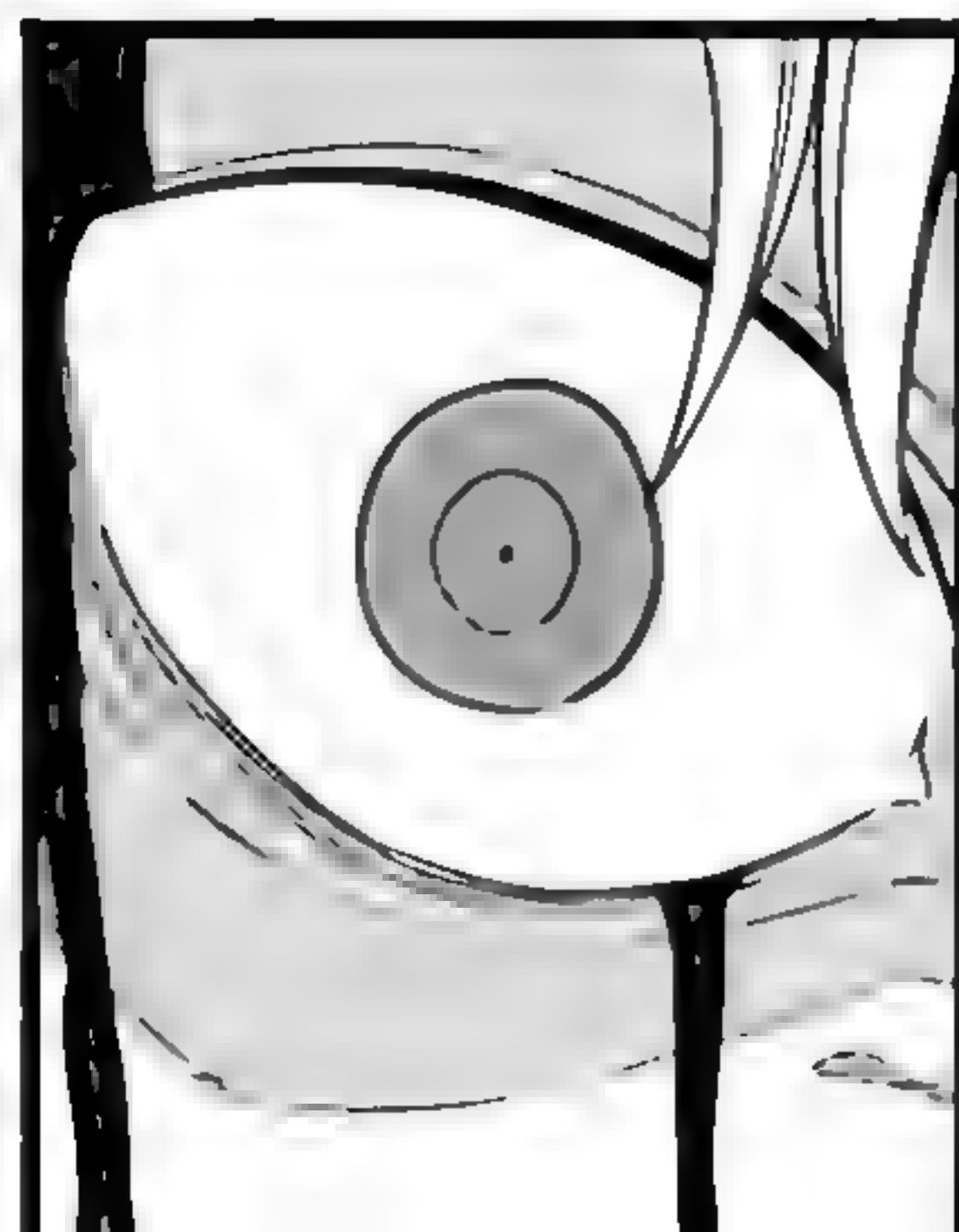
CATCH
UP?



...SHE'S
SEEING
HIKARI'S
GHOST?



A VISION
OF YOUR
MOTHER?





YES, I CAN
SOMETIMES
SEE MY MOTHER
WHILE EQUIPPED
WITH NUMBERS
WEAPON 4.

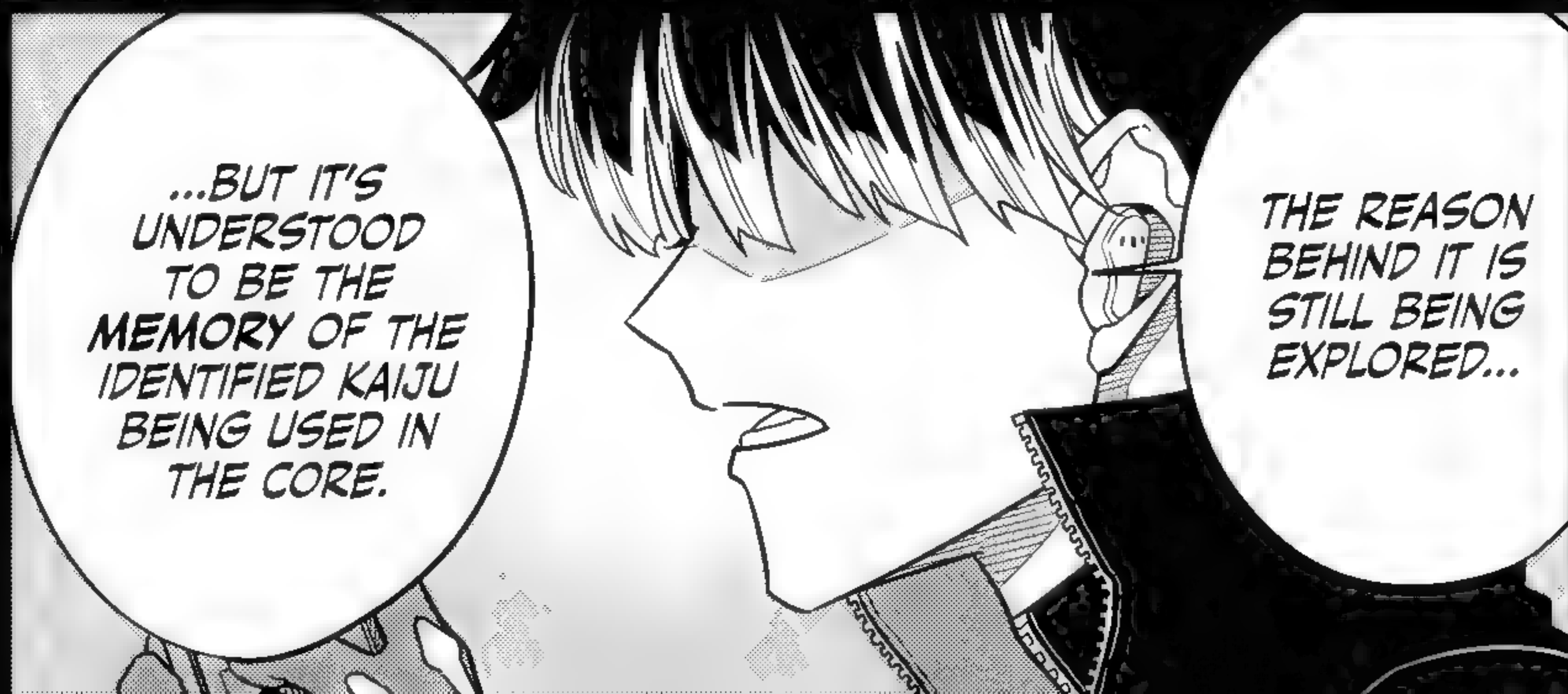


IT'S A RARE
PHENOMENON
THAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOU
WEAR A
PREDECESSOR'S
NUMBERS
WEAPON.

CAPTAIN
AKUTSU
OF THE
NORTHERN
DIVISION
REPORTED
ABOUT IT IN
THE PAST.



A
GHOST.



...BUT IT'S
UNDERSTOOD
TO BE THE
MEMORY OF THE
IDENTIFIED KAIJU
BEING USED IN
THE CORE.

THE REASON
BEHIND IT IS
STILL BEING
EXPLORED...



...THAT
NO. 4
HOLDS...


THE
MEMORIES
OF
MOMMY...



...BUT I
HAVEN'T
BEEN
ABLE TO
CATCH
UP TO
HER
ONCE
SO FAR.



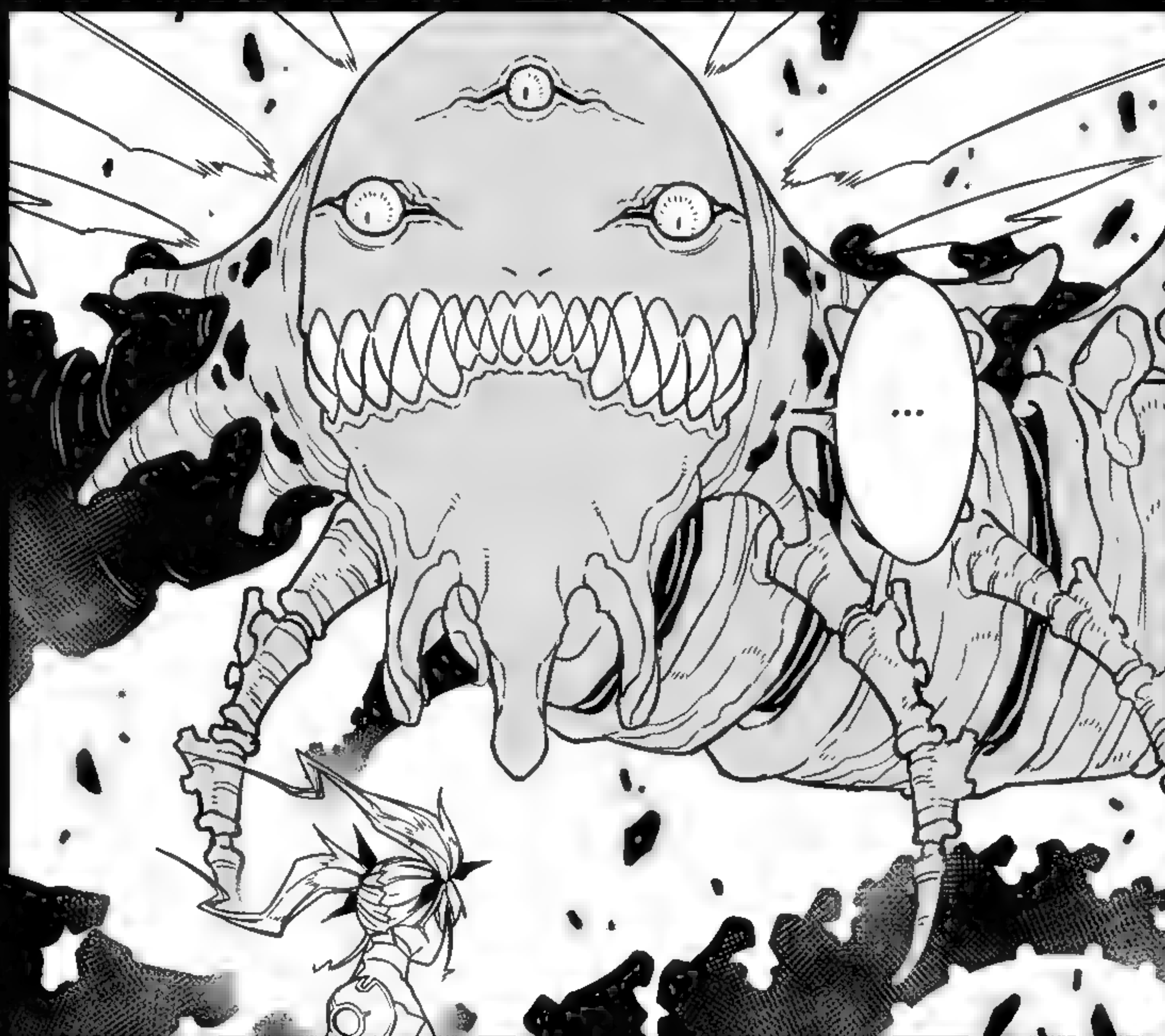
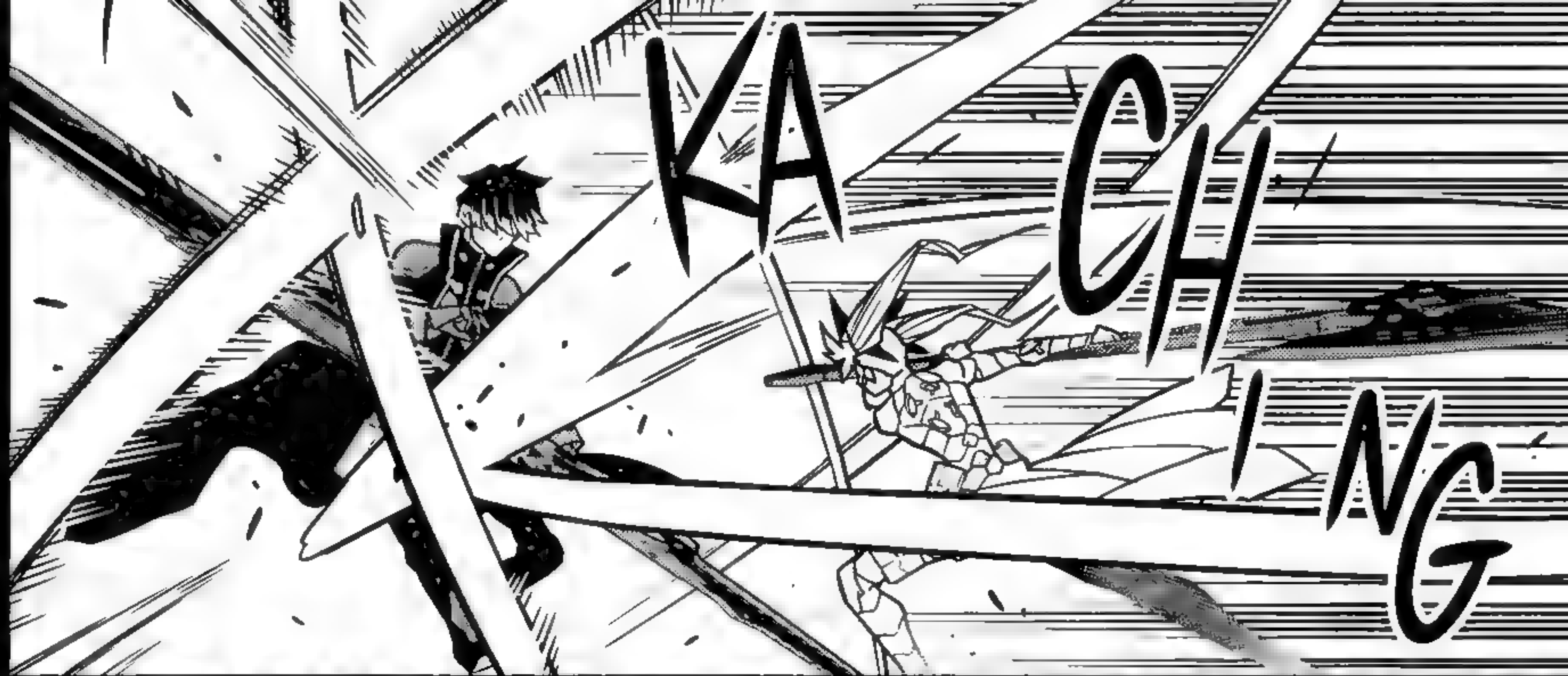
I'VE
SEEN
HER RUN
OFF SO
MANY
TIMES...



...AND
MORE
POWERFUL
BLOWS
THAN I
COULD
EVER
MUSTER.

SHE ALWAYS
DELIVERS
SWIFTER...

...MORE
ACCURATE...

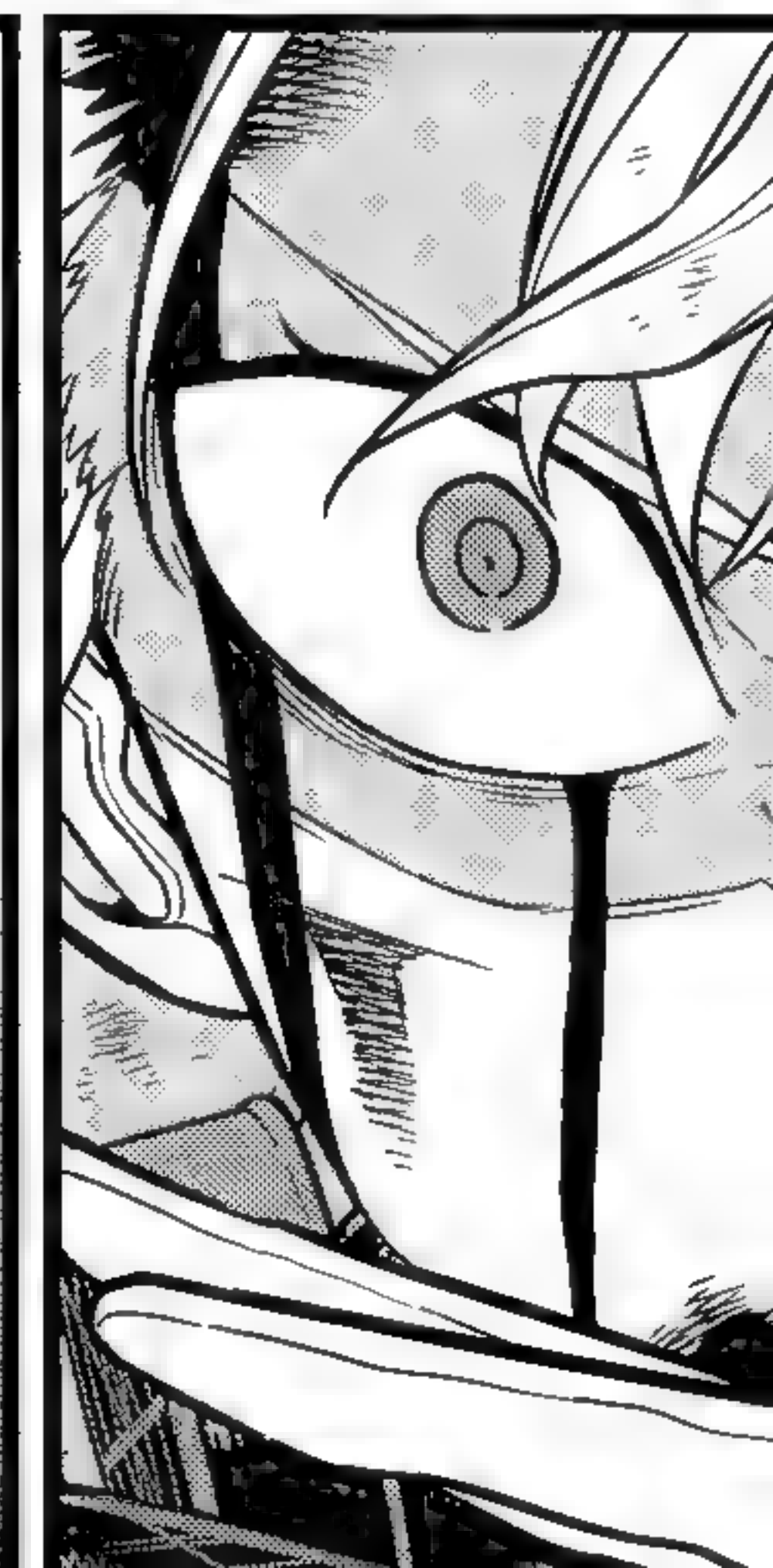


THE GAP
BETWEEN
US...!

TCH

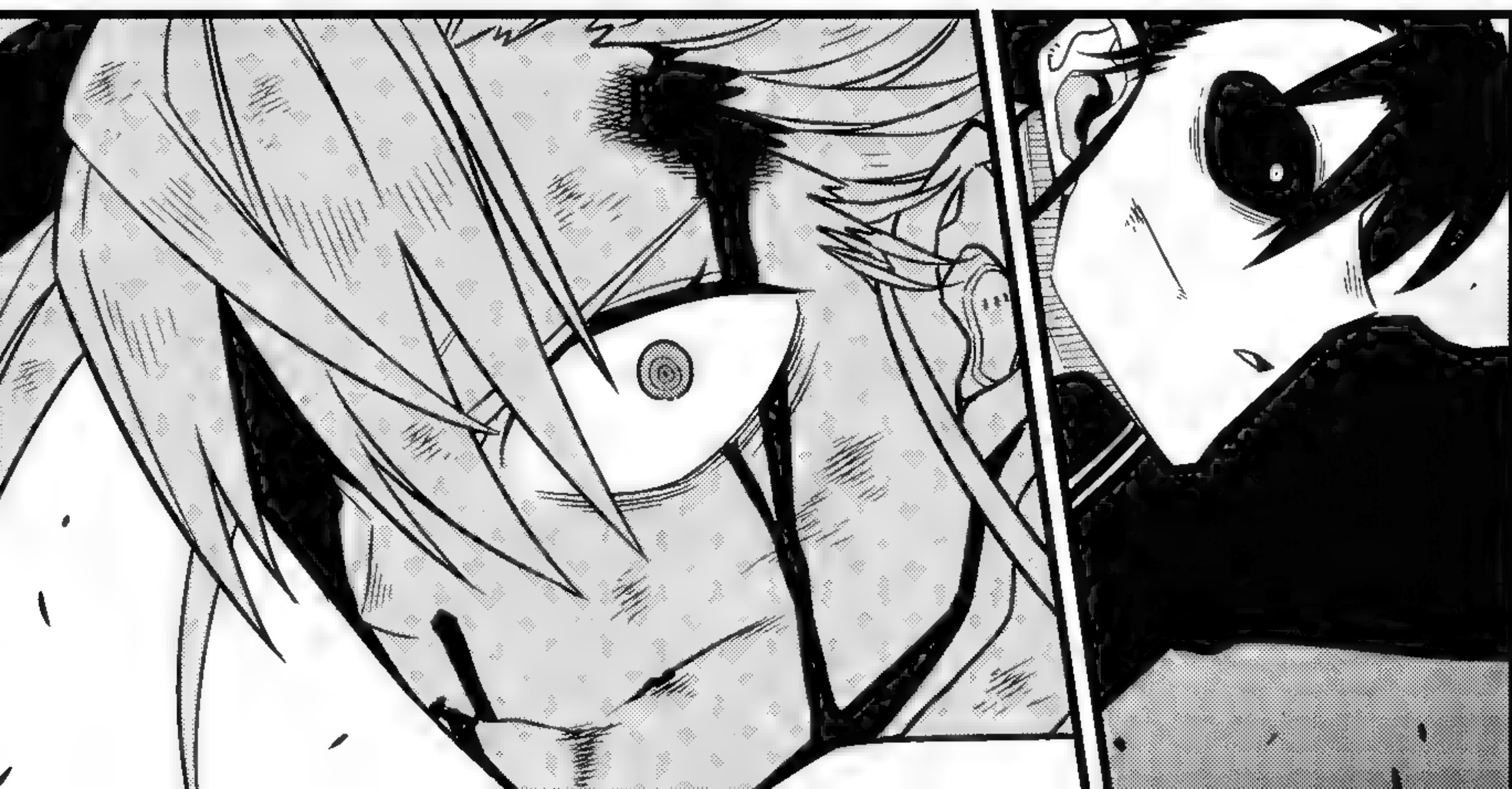
THAT LOOK
ON ITS FACE
IS SAYING IT
COULD HAVE
DONE A BETTER
JOB WITH
MOMMY
INSTEAD.







...GO
TO
YOUR
HEAD!!





**IT'LL BE
RIGHT
HERE...**

**...RIGHT
NOW!**



**I'LL
SURPASS
HER.**

**AND IT
WON'T BE
SOMEDAY.**



AKIRA KURUSU

Birthday:

March 12

Height:

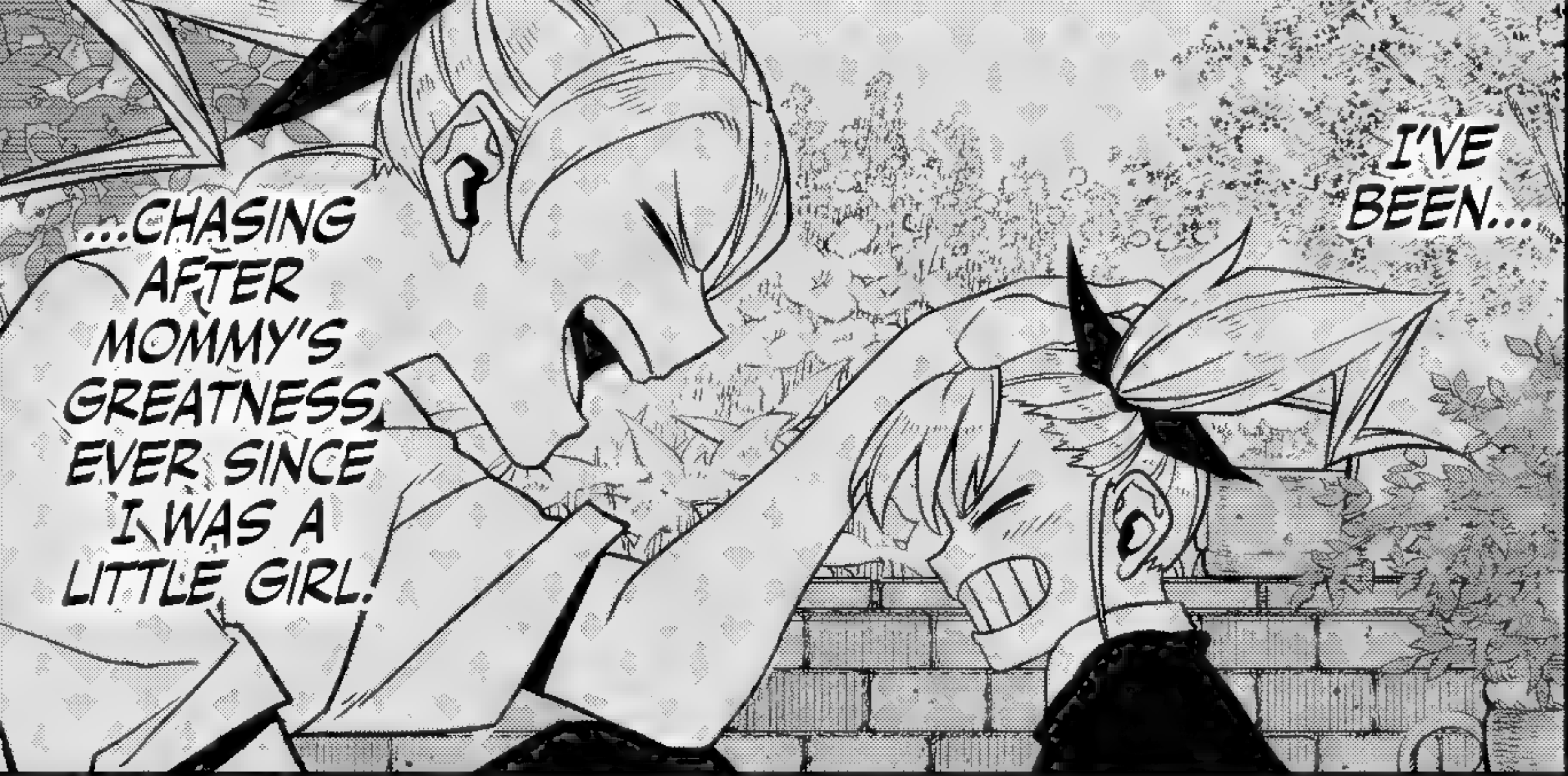
168 cm

Likes:

Programming,
science fiction novels,
waking up early

Author Comment:

The leader of the First Division's operation team. His position is similar to Okonogi's in the Third Division. Since he was the only person who accompanied Isao into his final battle, he's more driven to defeat No. 9 than the others.



...CHASING
AFTER
MOMMY'S
GREATNESS
EVER SINCE
I WAS A
LITTLE GIRL.

I'VE
BEEN...



AND IT
WON'T BE
SOMEDAY.



I'LL
SURPASS
HER.



IT'LL BE
RIGHT
HERE,
RIGHT
NOW!





IT
HIT!!



WHAT...

...HAPPENED
TO HER?



WHAT?

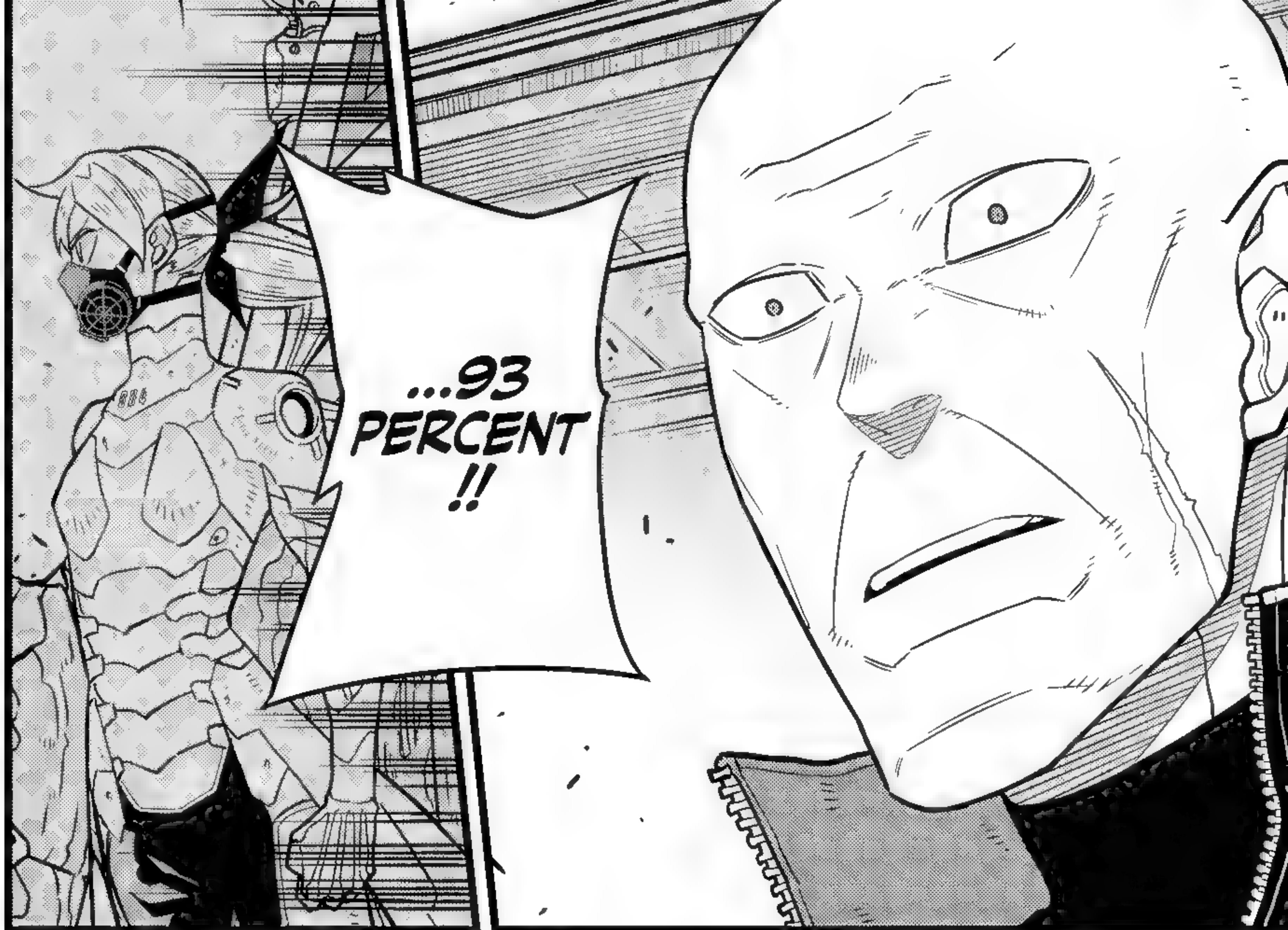


UN-
LEASED
COMBAT
POWER—
91 PER-
CENT...

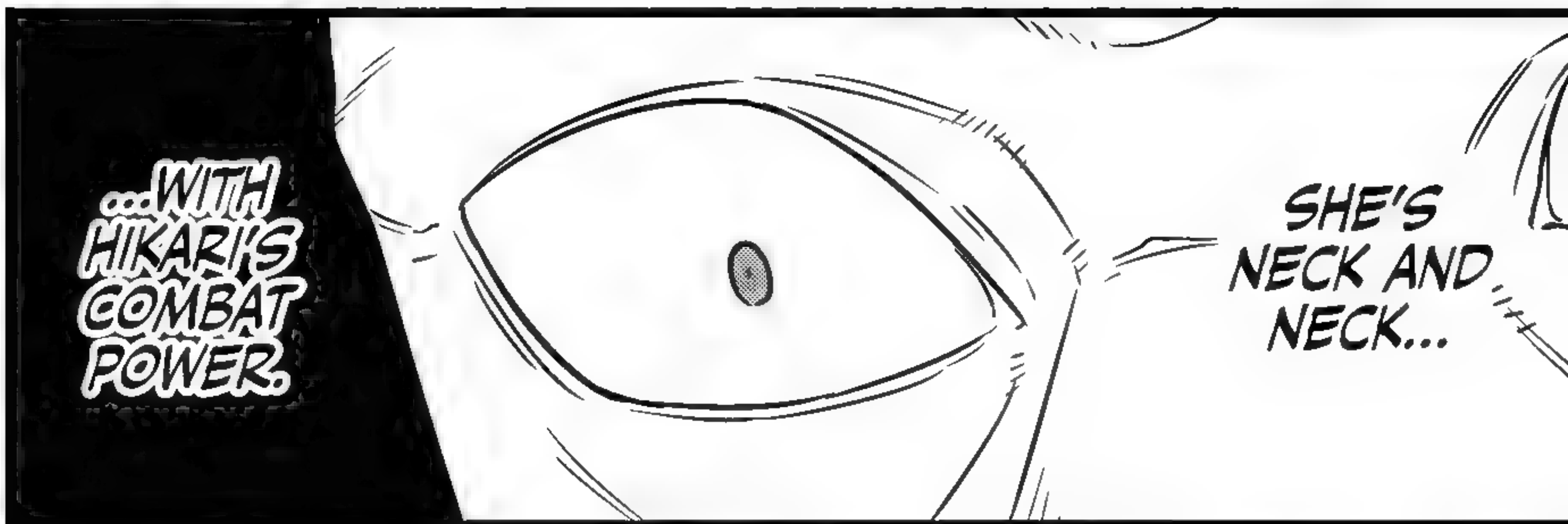


...92
PER-
CENT...





**...93
PERCENT
!!**



**...WITH
HIKARI'S
COMBAT
POWER.**

**SHE'S
NECK AND
NECK...**

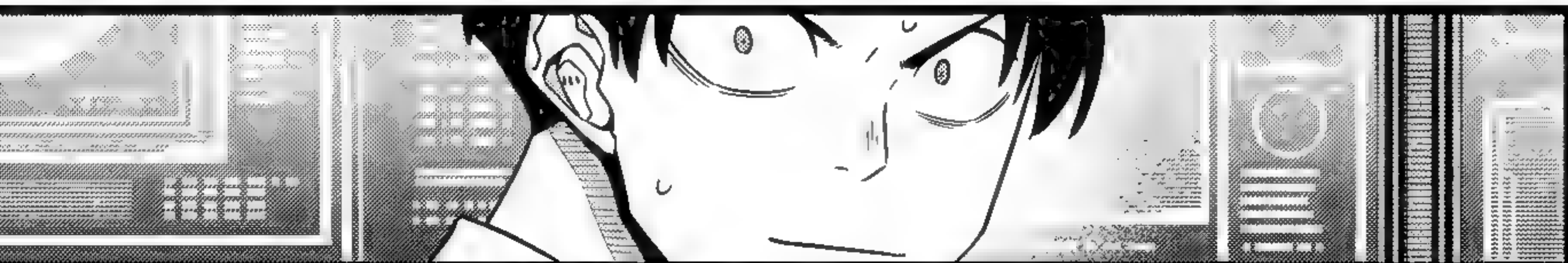


**A MOMENT
AGO, WE SAID
THAT THIS
GIRL IS THE
GREATEST
TALENT WE'VE
EVER HAD.**

KURUSU.

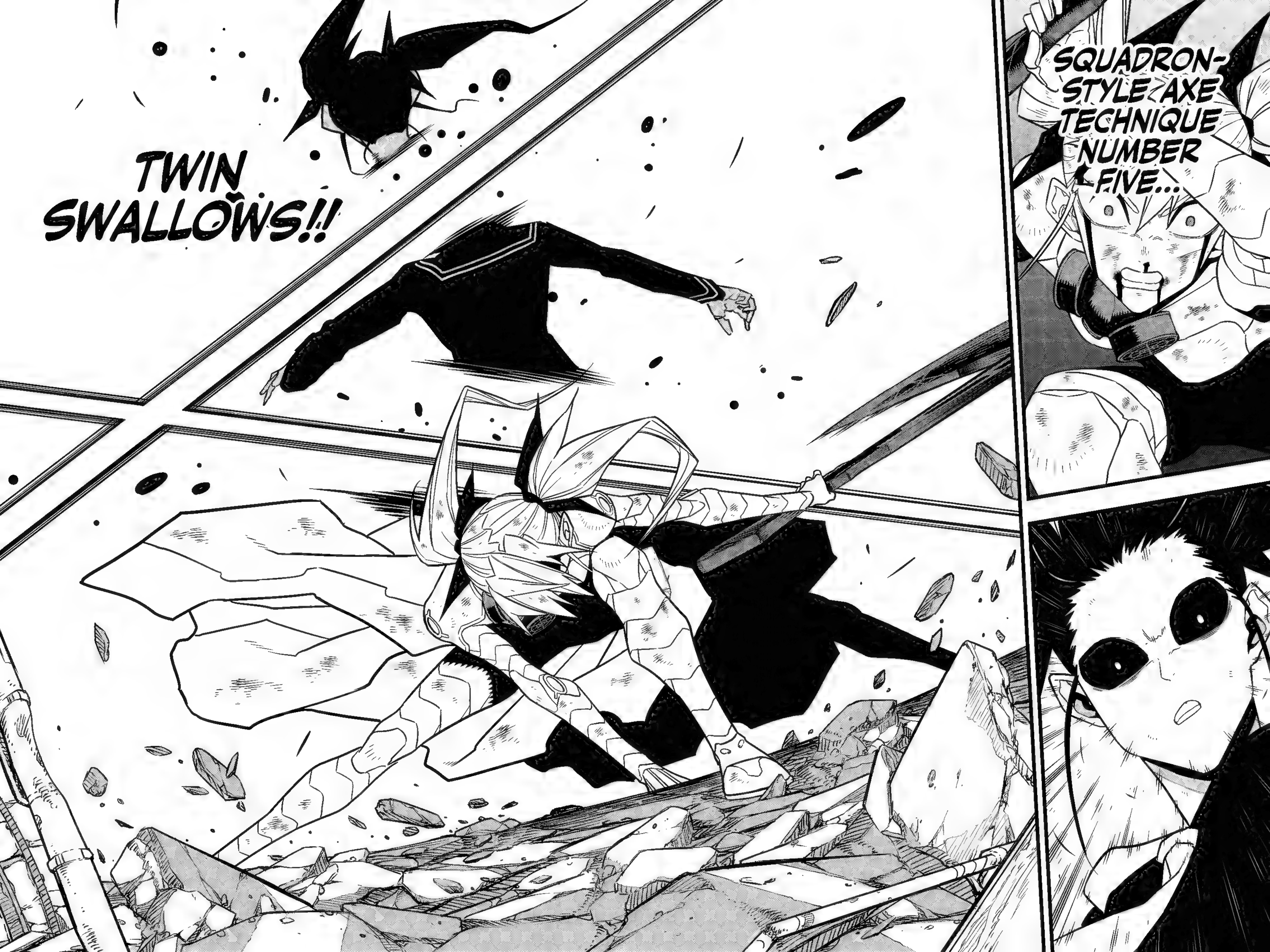


HEH



**TWIN
SWALLOWS!!**

**SQUADRON-
STYLE AXE
TECHNIQUE
NUMBER
FIVE...**



**UNLEASHED
COMBAT POWER
LEVEL...**

94%

**SHE
DID
IT!!**

I'VE
EXPOSED
THE
CORE!
NOW TO
GET RID
OF IT!!

NUMBER
SIX...



MY, HOW
HARD YOU
TRY, LITTLE
KIKORU.



WHY
IS IT
SMILING
LIKE THAT—

PS
HA



I'M
CON-
NECTED.







**UNLEASHED
COMBAT
POWER
DROPPING!!
INTERFERENCE
WITH NO. 4
NEUROSYNCH
DETECTED!!**

**OFFICER
SHINOMIYA'S
RADIO IS
INACCESSIBLE
!!**

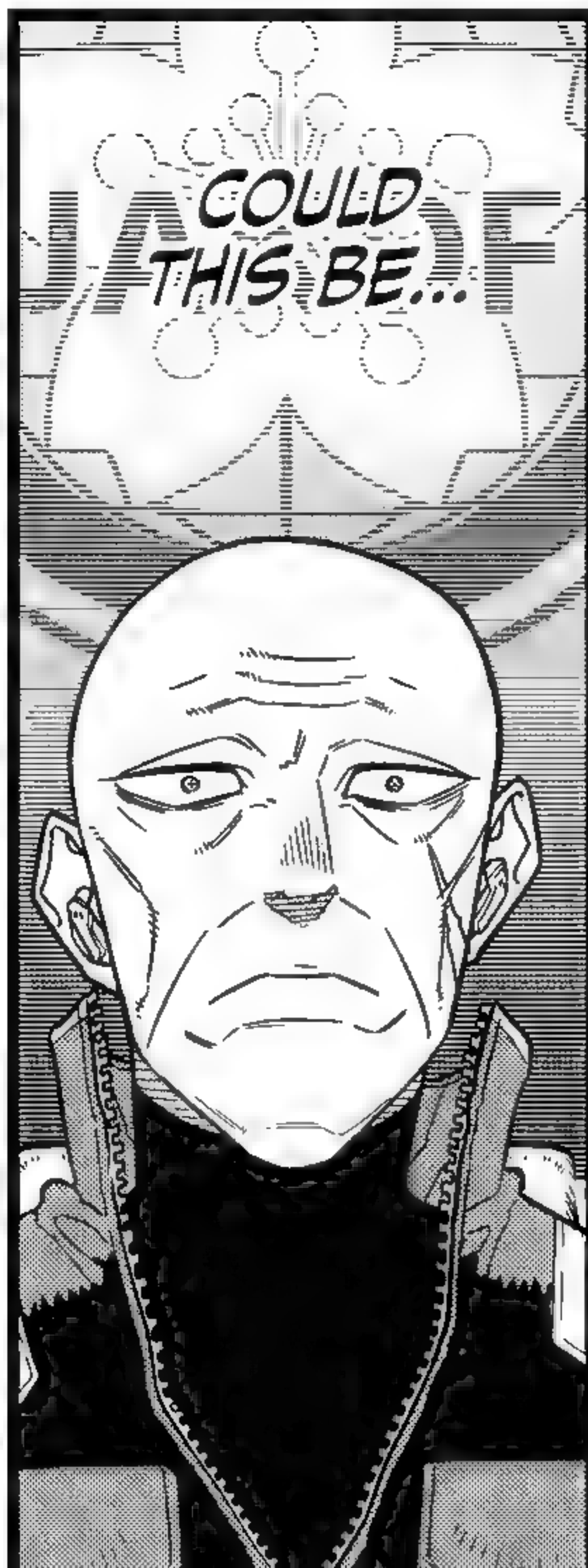


**COME IN!!
OFFICER
SHINOMIYA!!**

**OFFICER
SHINO-
MIYA!!**



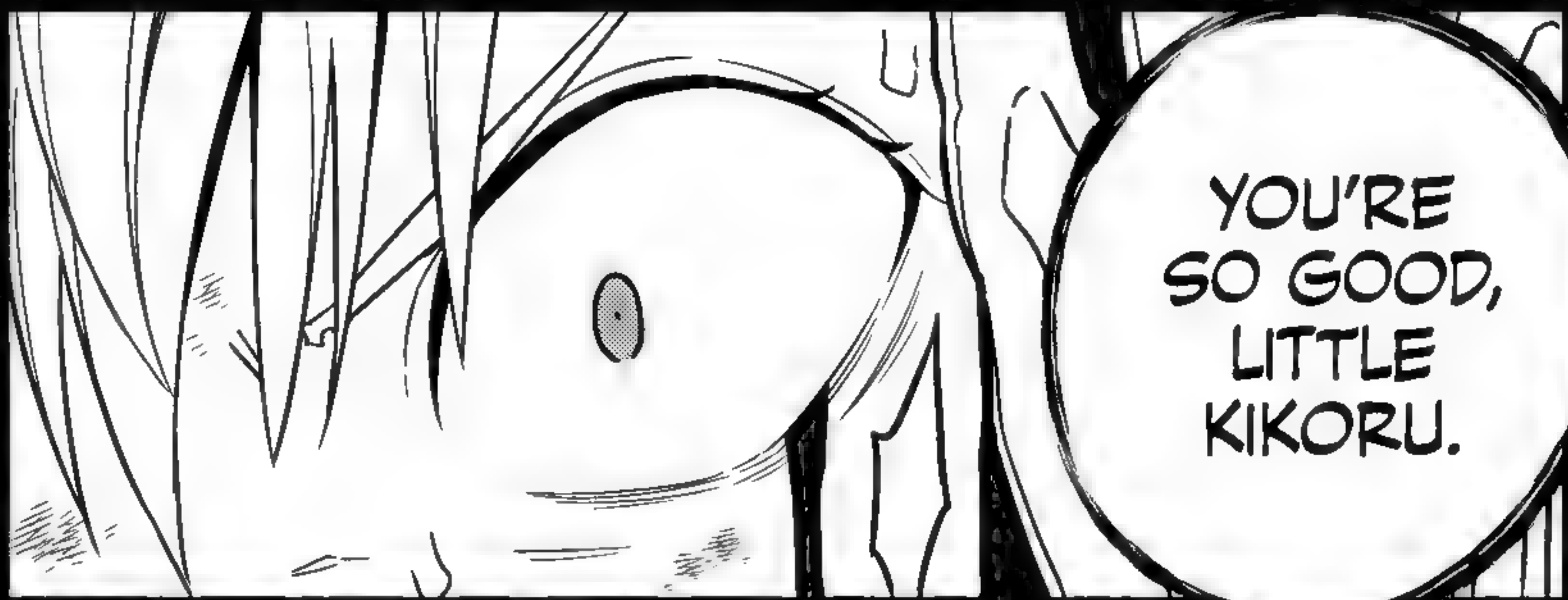
**A
PSYCHO-
GENIC
ATTACK!!**



**COULD
THIS BE...**



AGH!
WHAT IS
GOING
ON—



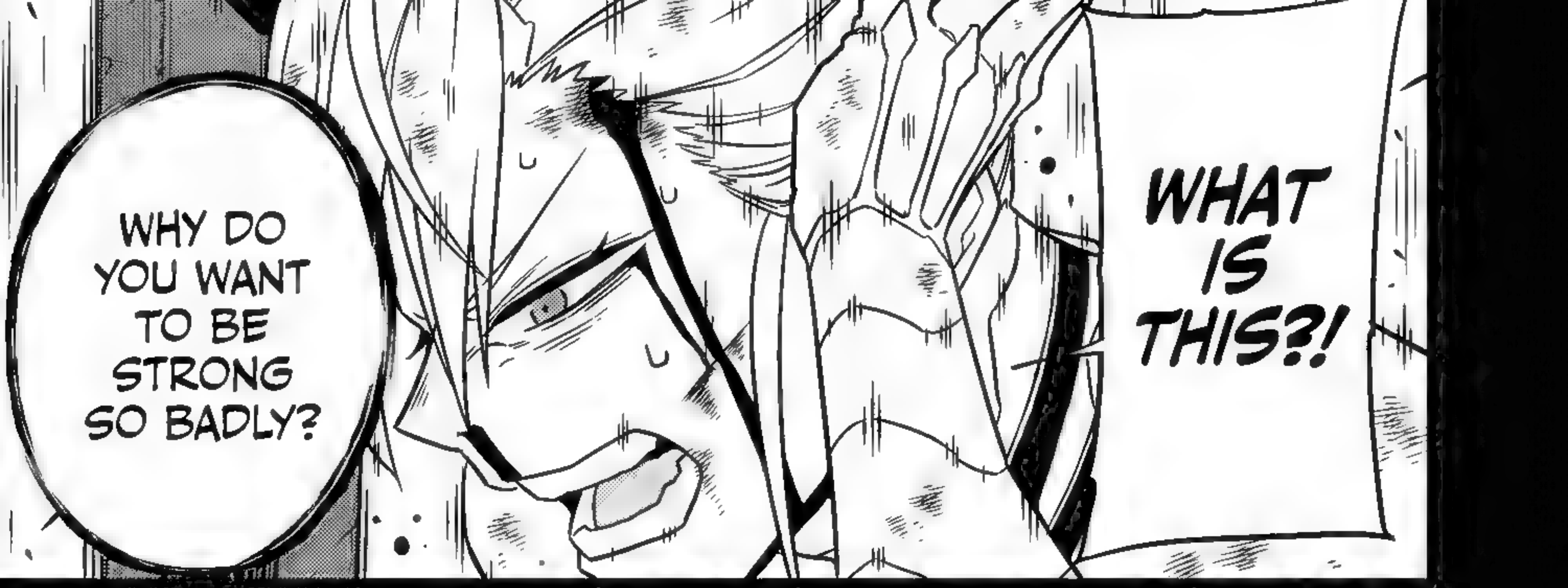
YOU'RE
SO GOOD,
LITTLE
KIKORU.



ARGH!!

WHY
DO YOU
TRY SO
HARD?

NO. 15!!
WHERE
ARE
YOU?!



WHY DO
YOU WANT
TO BE
STRONG
SO BADLY?

WHAT
IS
THIS?!



LIAR.

TO
PROTECT
THIS
COUNTRY
FROM
KAIJU LIKE
Y—



TO...
PROTECT
THE LIVES
OF THOSE
I CARE
ABOU—

LIAR.

WHY
DO YOU
WANT TO
PROTECT
THE
COUNTRY?



THAT'S
OBVIOUSLY
BECAUSE...

THEN TELL
ME, WHY DO
YOU WANT
TO PROTECT
THE LIVES OF
THOSE YOU
CARE ABOUT?



HUH...?
WHY AM
I...


...BE-
CAUSE...



BE
HONEST
WITH
YOURSELF.



SEE?



YOU KNOW
YOURSELF,
DON'T YOU?



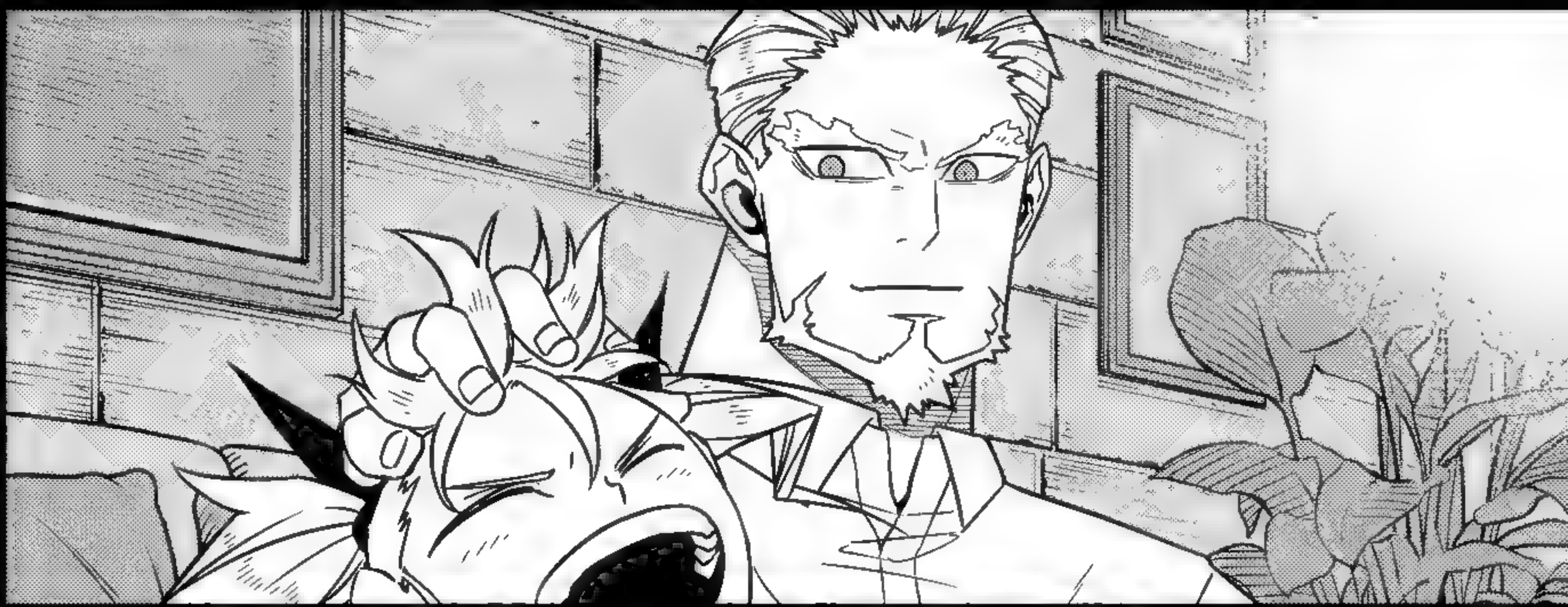
...WHY
DO YOU
WANT TO
BE STRONG
SO BADLY?

LITTLE
KIKORU...



I WANTED
TO BE
STRONG...

I...



...TO EARN
THEIR
PRAISE...





...AND
MOMMY'S.



BOTH
DADDY'S...



I WANTED
THEM TO
PRAISE ME
MORE.



SH!

UH-
HUH.



YOU'VE
DONE
SUCH A
GOOD
JOB.



WHY
DON'T
YOU
JUST
GIVE
UP?

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
TRY SO
HARD.

WHAT A
GOOD
GIRL
YOU ARE,
LITTLE
KIKORU.



...YOUR
MOMMY
AND DADDY
ARE LONG
GONE...

...ALONG
WITH ANY
HOPE YOU
HAD OF
EVER
EARNING
THEIR
PRAISE
AGAIN.






KAIJU NO. 15

Since I had always envisioned her poking at Kikoru's mental weaknesses in battle, I designed No. 15 to be her mirror image. I even gave her a brain-like base form due to the psychological nature of her attacks.



YOUR
MOMMY
AND DADDY
ARE LONG
GONE...

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...ALONG
WITH ANY
HOPE
YOU HAD
OF **EVER**
EARNING
THEIR
PRAISE
AGAIN.






**AAAA-
AAAH!!**



**OFFICER
SHINOMIYA!!
OFFICER
SHINOMIYA,
COME IN!!**



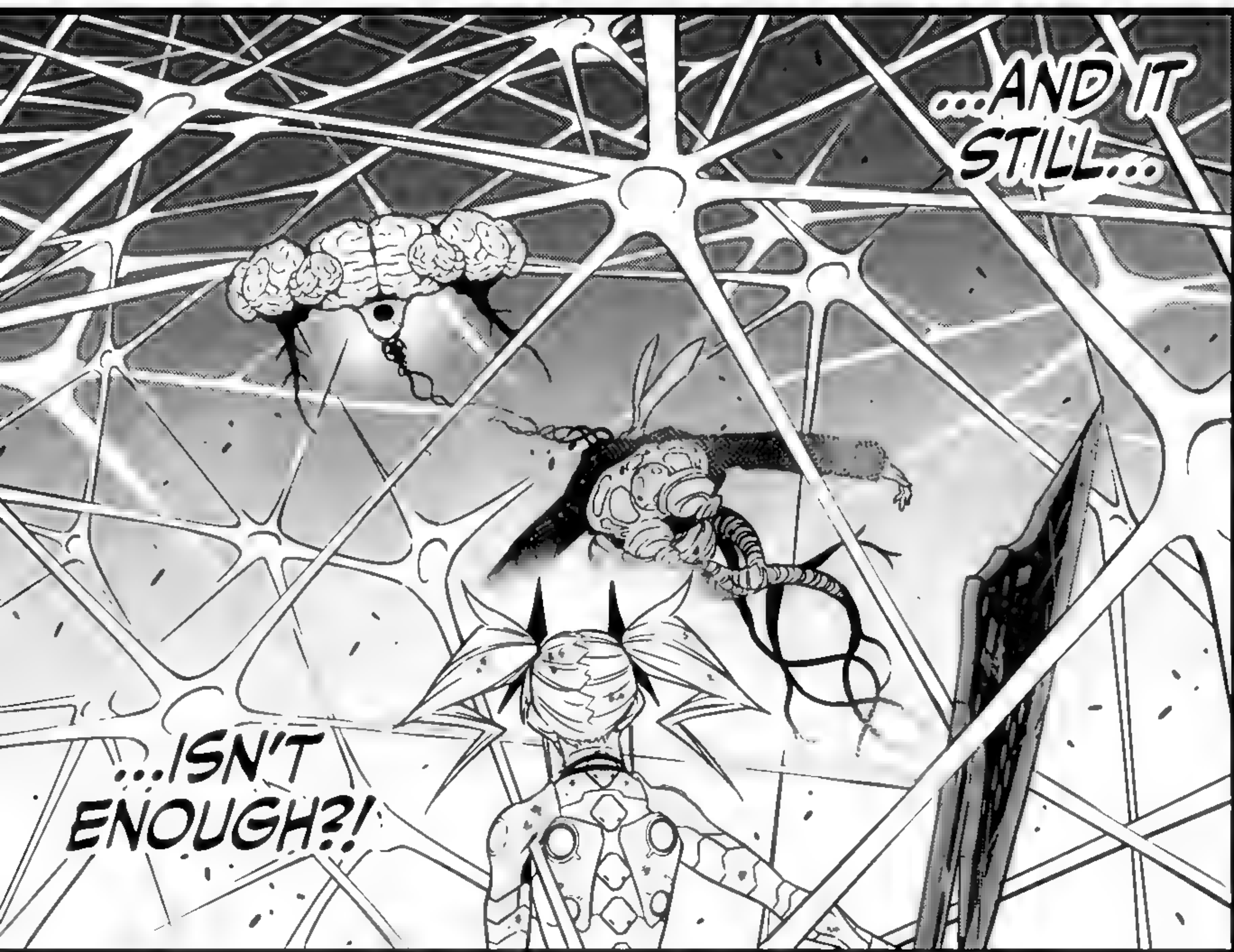
**THIS IS
WHAT AN
IDENTIFIED
KAIJU IS
CAPABLE
OF...**

**DAMN IT!!
TEST TO SEE
IF WE CAN
SOMEHOW
ACCESS HER
NEURAL
CIRCUITS
FROM THE
OUTSIDE!!**

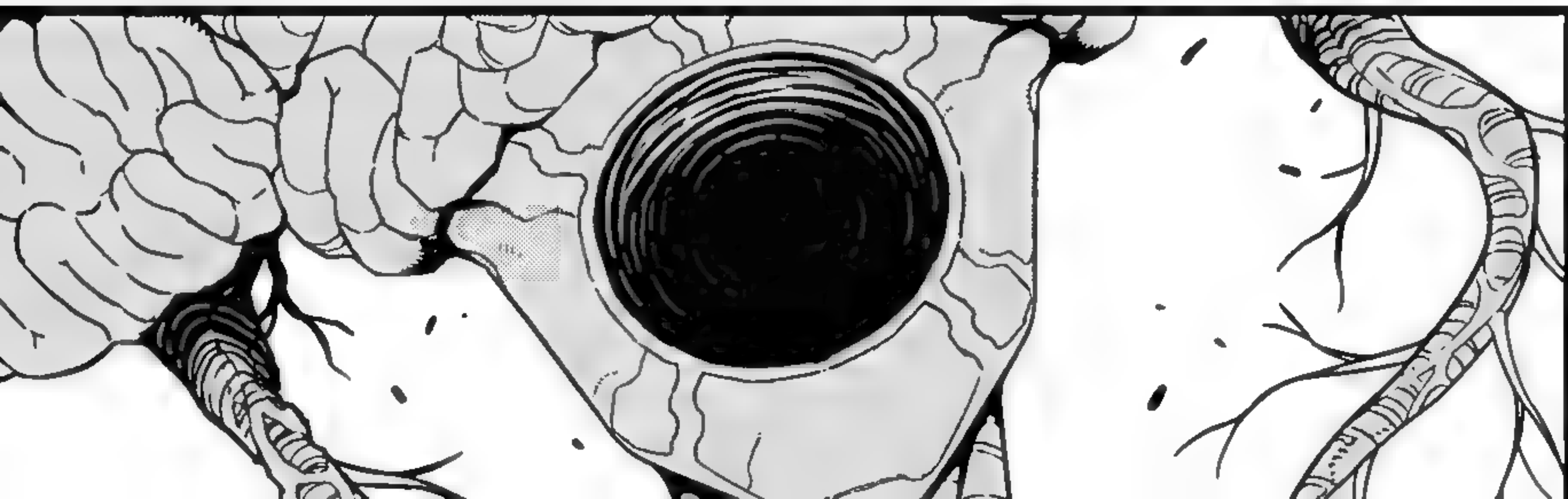
THE
GREATEST
TALENT
IN HUMAN
HISTORY
AWAKENED
TO HER
POWERS...



...AND IT
STILL...



...ISN'T
ENOUGH?!





IT HIT
SHINOMIYA
PRECISELY
IN HER MOST
UNDER-
DEVELOPED
AREA!

HER
PSYCHE...



...TOO
PRECISE,
DOESN'T
IT?

IT ALMOST
SEEMS...



ACTUALLY...



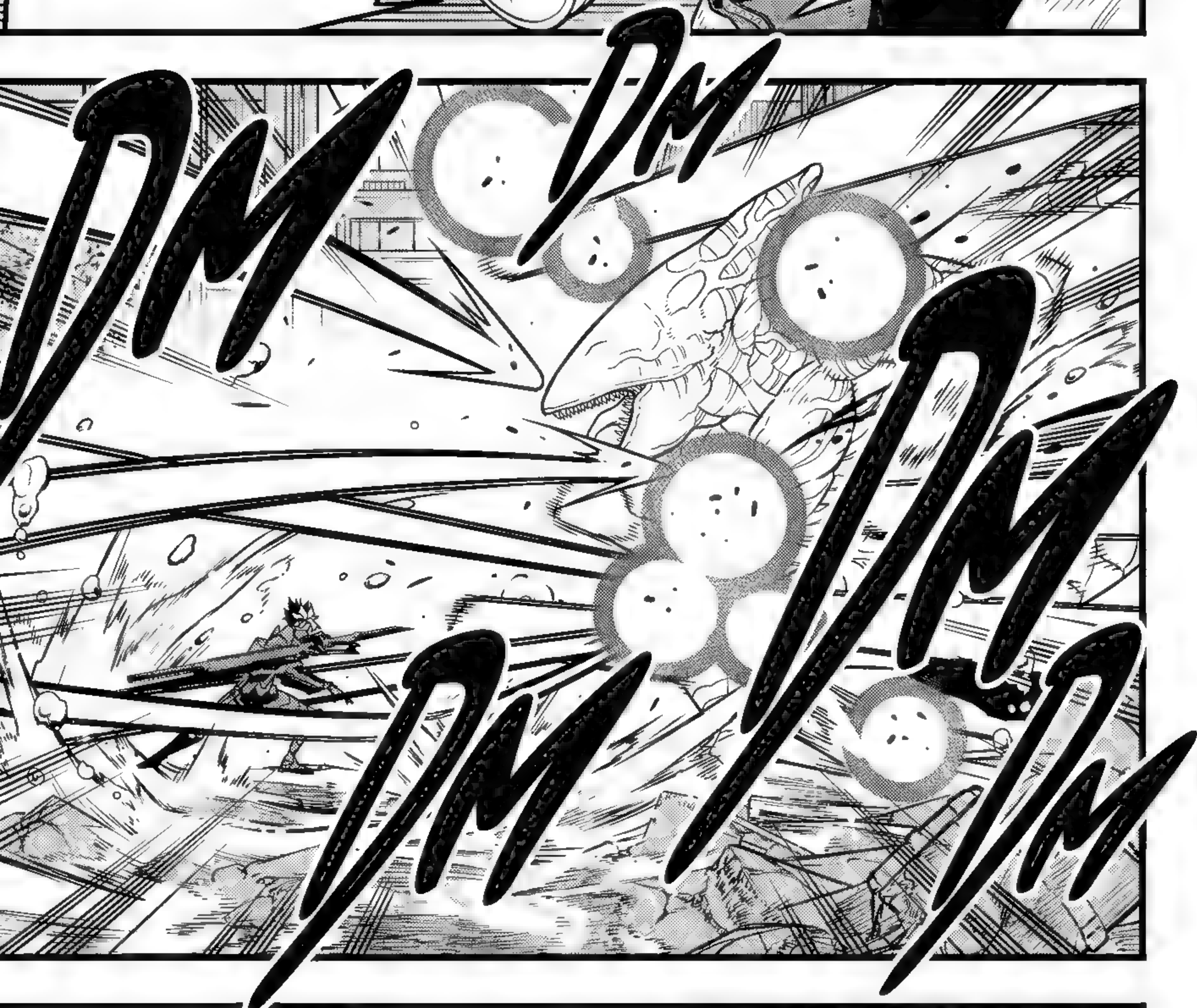
ALL
OTHER
AREAS,
REPORT
YOUR
STATUS!!



DON'T
TELL ME
ALL OF
THEM...

**CAPTAIN
NARUMI IS
CURRENTLY
ENGAGED
IN COMBAT
WITH
NO. 11!!**

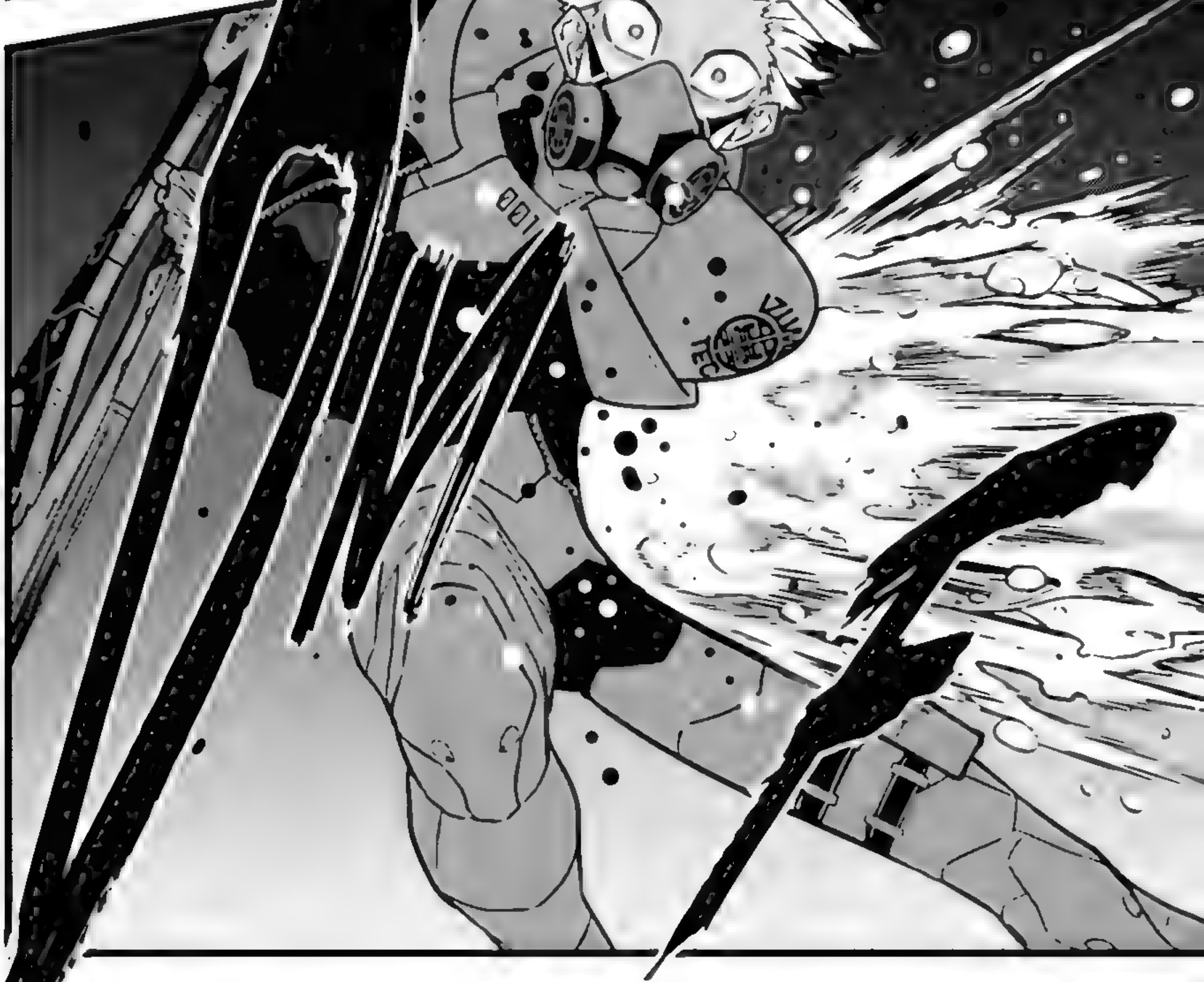
**THIS IS
TAITO
WARD!!**



**NEUTRAL-
IZATION
SHOULD
BE JUST
A MATTER
OF TI—**

**CAPTAIN
NARUMI
HAS THE
UPPER
HAND!!**







CAPTAIN
NARUMI
!!

NOT EVEN NO. 9
WAS ABLE TO
LAND A CLEAN HIT
ON THE CAPTAIN,
BUT THIS KAIJU
JUST NAILED HIM?!

IMPOSSIBLE.

I KNOW.

YOU READ MY
MOVEMENTS
BASED ON THE
ELECTRICAL
SIGNALS IN
MY BODY.

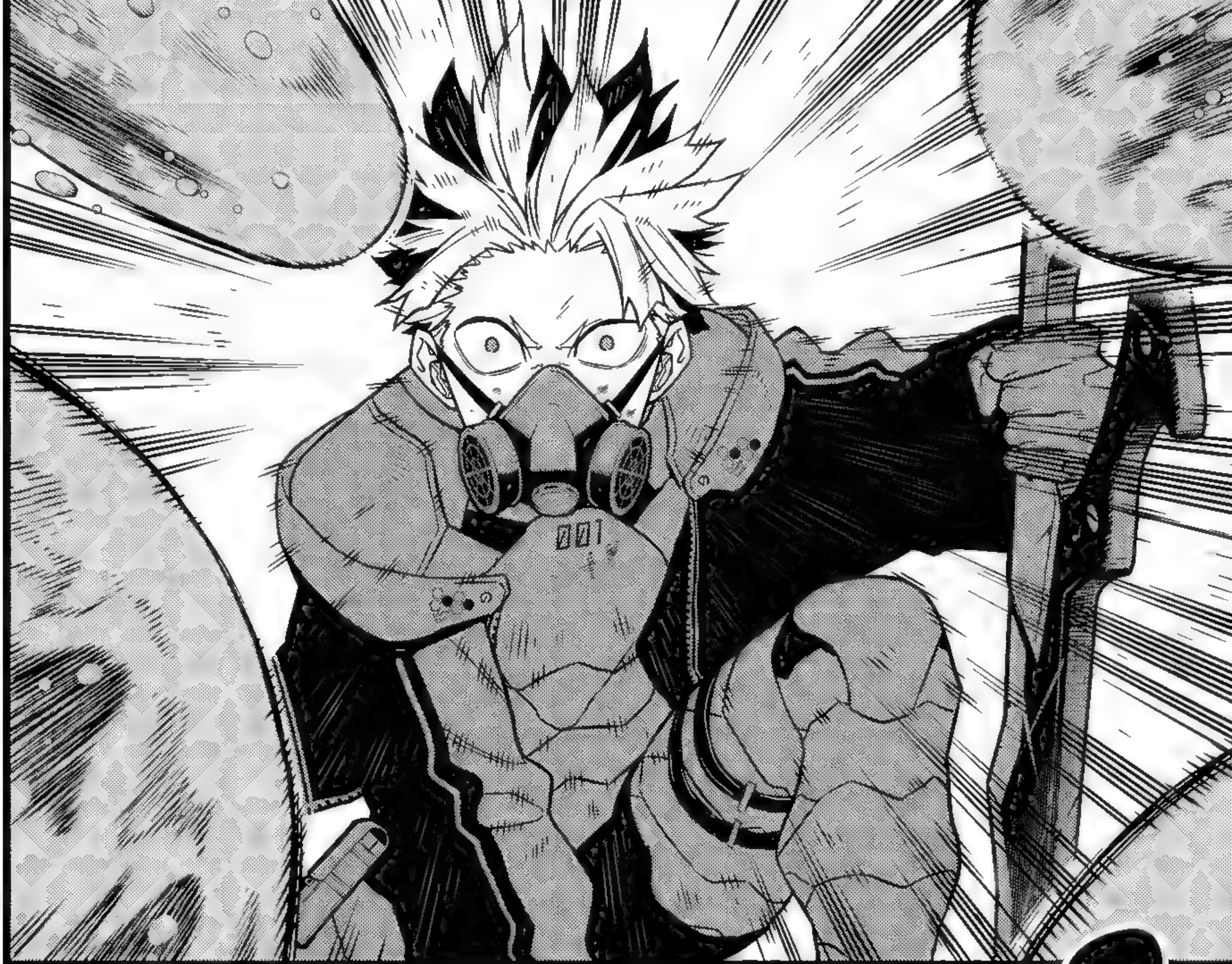


BUT...

TUG

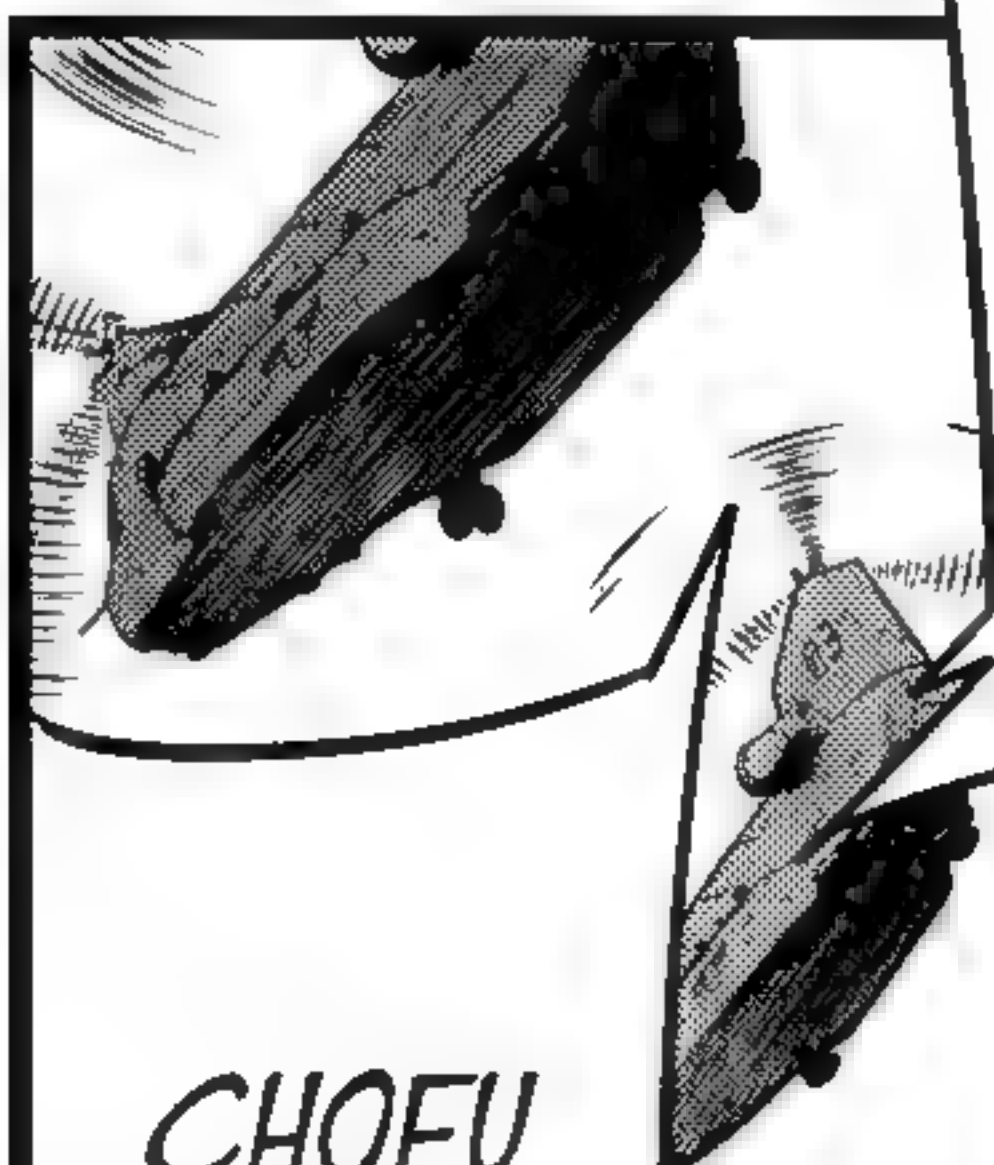
YOU
CAN'T
READ...

...THE
WATER'S
MOVEMENTS.



IT'S AS I
FEARED.

BEEP
KSH
KSH
KSH



THIS
IS THE
THIRD
DIVISION!

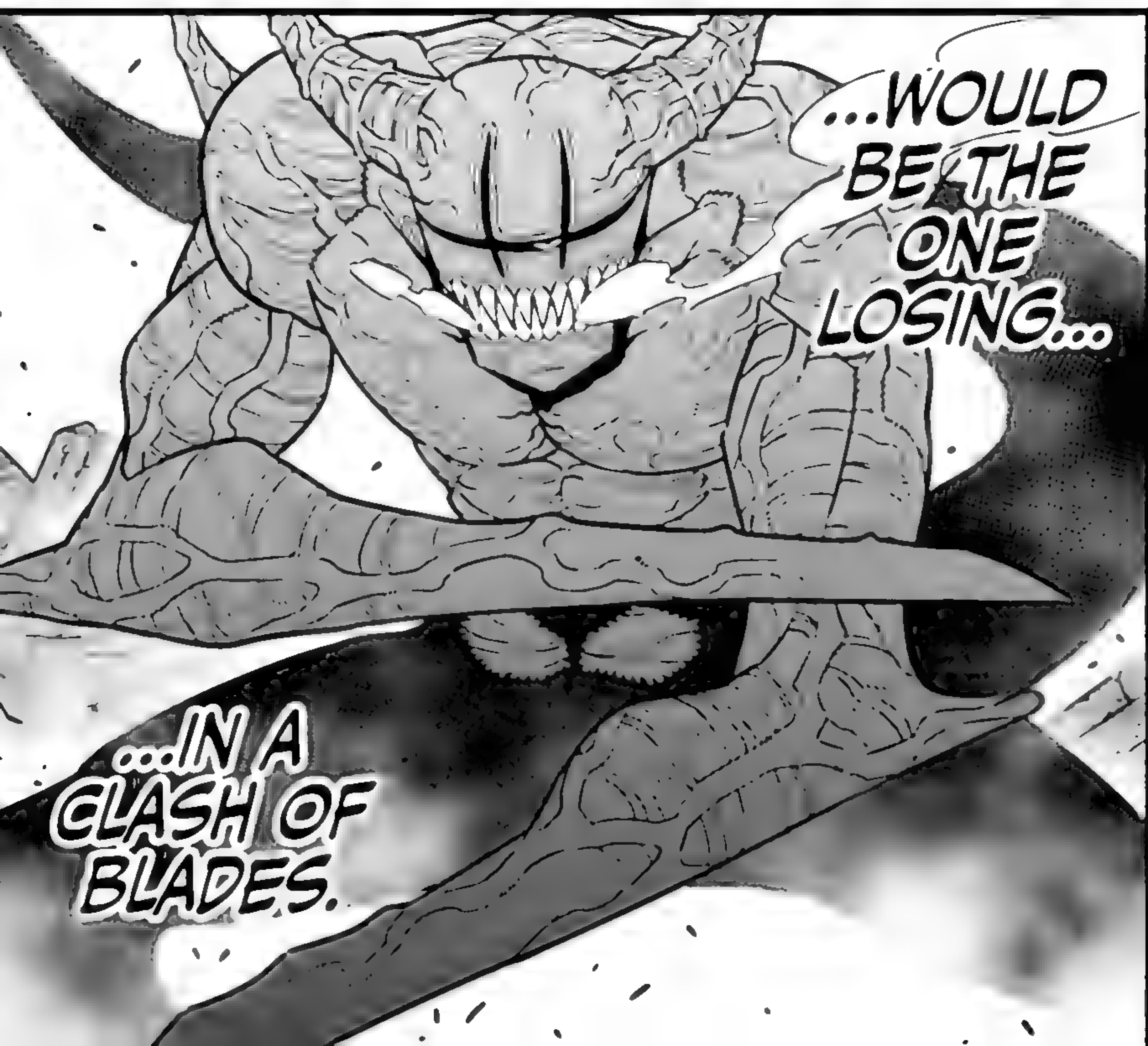
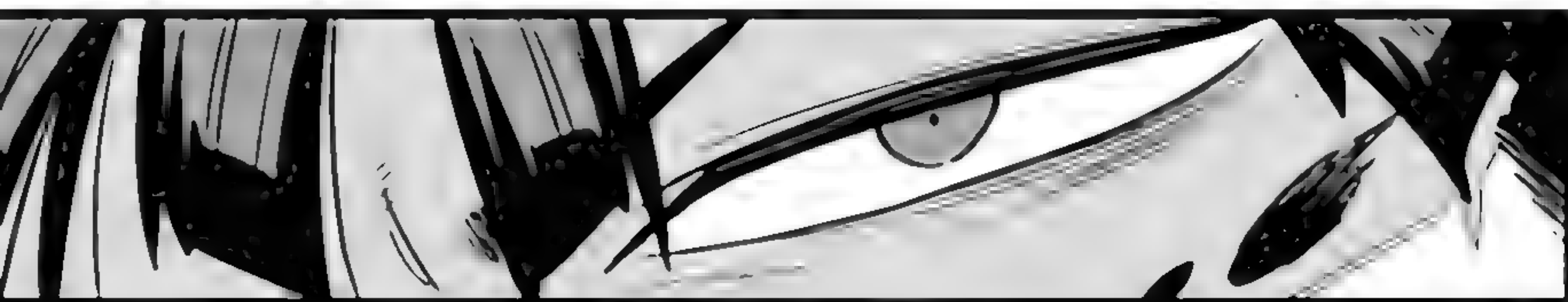
CHOFU
AREA!













A KAIJU THAT
SPECIALIZES
IN EXTREME
CLOSE
QUARTERS
COMBAT!



NOT UNLIKE
VICE-CAPTAIN
HOSHINA...

KLNK

TNG

TNG

KLNK

KLNK



...IT EXCELS
AT KILLING A
SINGLE TARGET
IN A DIRECT
CONFRONTATION.



...IT WAS SPECIFICALLY CREATED TO GO UP AGAINST THE VICE-CAPTAIN...

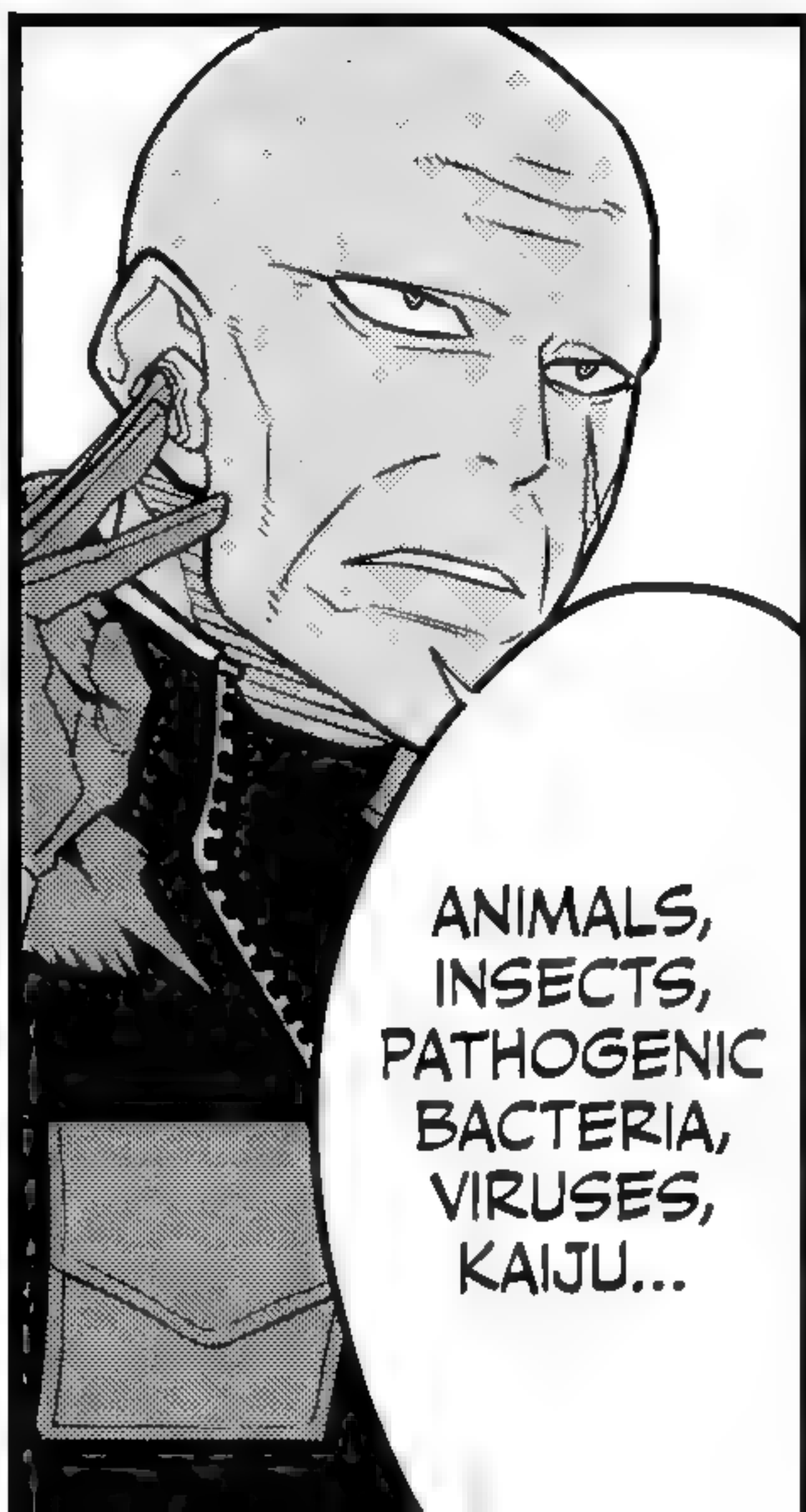
IT'S ALMOST AS IF...



THAT'S RIGHT, OKONOGI.



THROUGH INTENSIVE RESEARCH, HUMANITY HAS EMPLOYED MEASURES AGAINST ANY ENTITIES THAT POSED A THREAT TO OUR SURVIVAL...



ANIMALS, INSECTS, PATHOGENIC BACTERIA, VIRUSES, KAIJU...

...WE'RE
THE ONES
ON THE
RECEIVING
END.

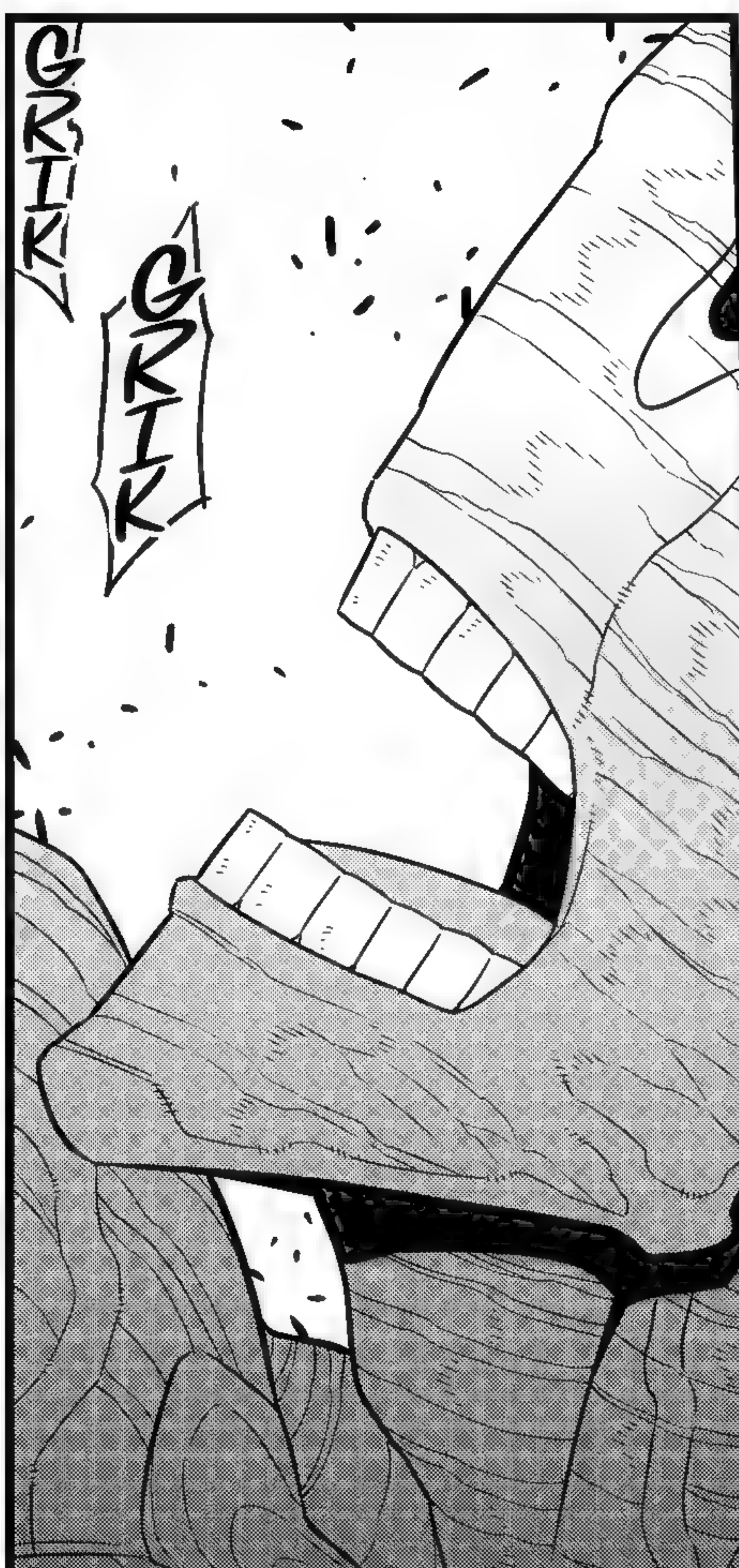
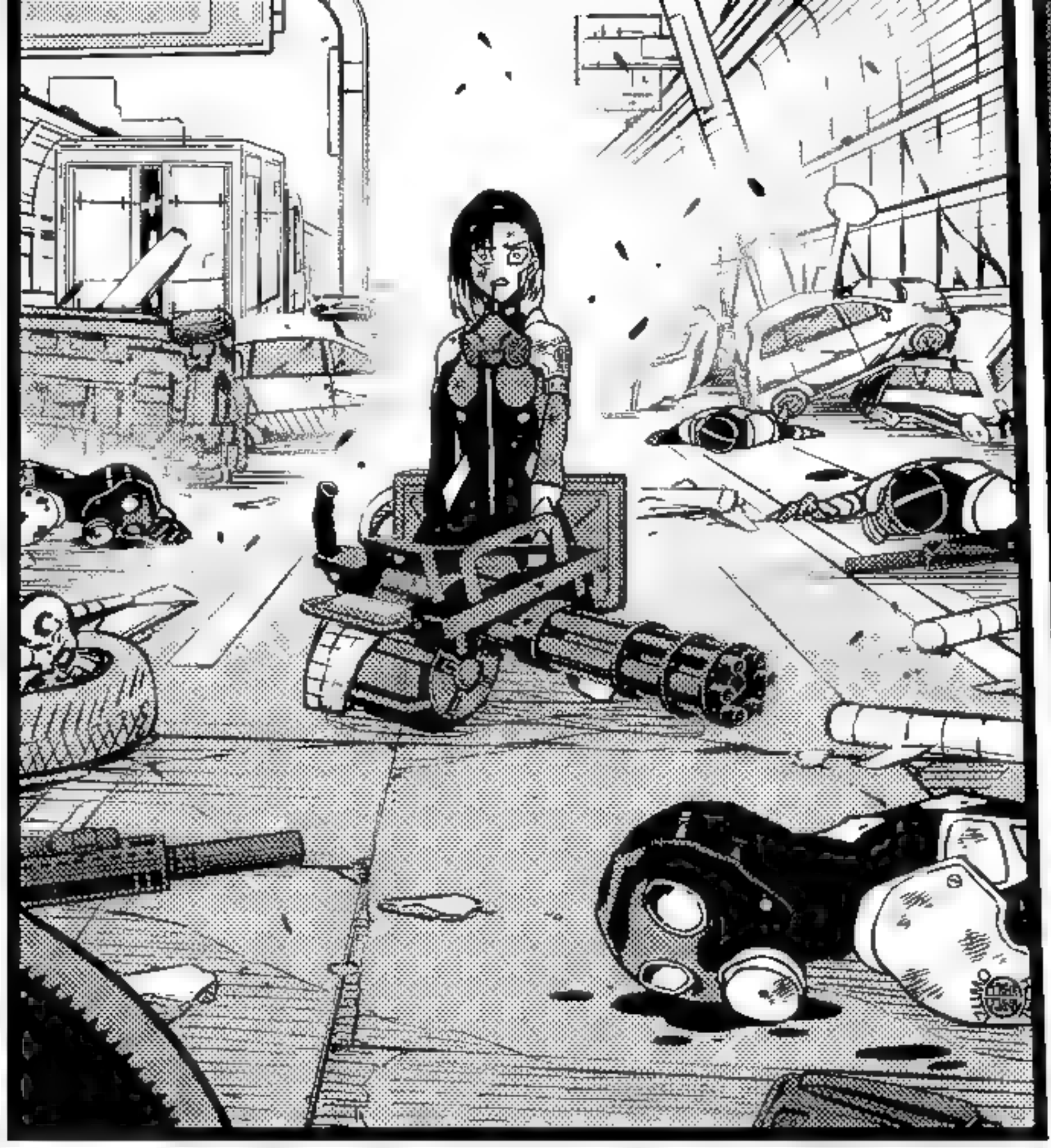


...BUT
RIGHT
NOW...

...FOR
THE FIRST
TIME IN
HISTORY...



...ARE
DESIGNED TO
EXTERMINATE
THE DEFENSE
FORCE.



KAIJU NO. 8

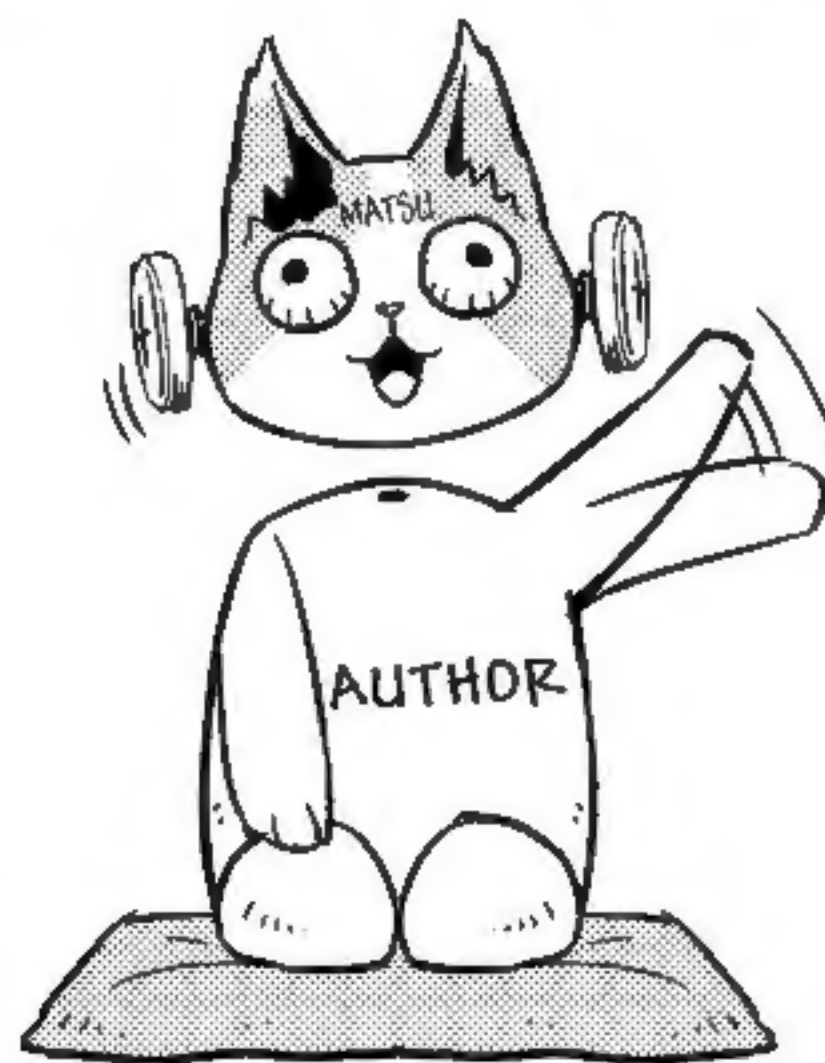
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THANK
YOU SO
MUCH
FOR
ALWAYS
READING!



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